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"I believe a man should be proud of the place in which he lives, and that he should so live that the place will be proud that he lived in it."

— **Abraham Lincoln**

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The Founders

NOBLE PORTER HEATH

Son of David Heath and Ann Porter.

Born February, 7, 1830. Came to Illinois in 1845 from Green Township, Ross County Ohio.

He came to Piatt County Ill. with his parents who made the journey overland with teams. Monticello was but a hamlet and as there were no railroads, wheat was hauled to Lafayette, Ind. or Chicago and St. Louis.

His father bought a tract of wild land in what is now Sangamon Township. Twenty acres of the land was improved and fenced, and a log cabin stood on the place into which the family removed in the spring of 1846. This same year the father went on business to Ohio and died while there in November of that year.

Noble P. Heath was a lad of 12 years when he came to Piatt County. The first winter after coming here he attended school in Monticello in the courthouse. After moving to Sangamon Township he assisted with the farm work and lived with his mother until 1871. In that year removed to the farm one mile south of the place known now as the Village of White Heath. His farm was well stocked with horses, cattle and hogs of high grades.

Mr. Heath was married to Mrs. Elizabeth (Hevell) Wilson in 1865. Four children were born to this union — Anna M., Bessie B., Noble P. II, and Lillian.

Mr. Heath died June 9, 1893.

FRANK WHITE

Son of John McDowell (Mack) White and Rebecca Harness Williams.

Frank was born in Columbus, Ohio and came to Illinois around 1860. He purchased the land in Sangamon Township in 1861.

In March of 1872 he sold 160 acres of his land to James Deland. This land became White Heath.

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THE COUNTY OF PIATT

The 12th General Assembly authorized the County of Piatt.

Piatt County was divided into 8 townships, one of which was Sangamon Township.

The names and boundaries of these townships remains the same today as were officially designated in 1860.

In 1872 the Village of White Heath was started in Sangamon Township.

White Heath Centennial

1872 to 1972

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Schedule of Centennial Events

Kids Games	9:00	Saturday, July 15
Parade	12:00 p.m.	July 15
Teen Dance	9:00	July 15
Square Dance	9:00	July 15
Cake Walk	8:30	July 15
Horse Shoe Pitching	7:00	July 10
Judge of Beards	7:30	July 11
Judge of Women's Dresses	8:30	July 11
Soap Box Derby	6:00	July 13
Soap Box Finals	2:00	July 15
Tractor Pull	7:00	July 14

Church	July 9
Basket Dinner	July 9
Gospel Sing	July 9
Chicken Fry	July 15

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THE VILLAGE OF WHITE HEATH

In 1838 the government sold to Isaac Demorest tracts of land where White Heath is part of today.

Previous to 1854 there were but three settlements in the part of Illinois that later became Piatt County. They were: Monticello, Mackville, and Centerville which is still a small community in Sangamon Township.

In 1860-280 acres of land were sold at a Master in Chancery sale to McDowell White for $6000. The next year McDowell White sold the land to his brother, Frank White, for the same price.

In March 1872 Frank White sold 160 acres of his land to James Deland for $6040. Witnesses to the transaction were N. P. Heath and James B. Alexander.

Mr. Deland was with Col. Thomas Snell and Company that had received a contract on January 12, 1872 to build a railroad to Havana.

On September 22, 1872 Snell, Taylor and Company requested the Piatt County Surveyor C. D. Moore to survey and plot lots and streets for a village. This was done and the plat for White Heath was filed for record on September 30, 1872.

An auction for the lots was held on October 10, 1873; it rained most of the day. Most of the lots sold this day were sold to people out of the county. The lots were sold for $50 to $60. Buyers of lots who remained in or near White Heath were James Webster, George Teats, Jesse Bushee, and Sarah Williams.

After the Auction the first building built was the Depot It burned in 1895 and was replaced by the present Depot.

One of the first sales the day of the auction in Oct. 1872 was to Patrick Coffey. Lots 16 and 17 in block 3 just south of the present Depot. It was stipulated in the sale that Mr. Coffey must build a building on it within a year. We can't find any record whether he built the building or not but he did pay his taxes on time in 1874.

The first person to build a building was James Webster . Within four months, Jan. 29, 1873, he was appointed as the first Postmaster for White Heath. He also opened a general store at the same time. His building was located at the corner of Cherry and Commercial Street in Block 8. It was no doubt the same building that Dr. David later moved to the alley and used for many years as a barn until torn down by Mrs. Dilsaver in the thirties or early forties.

One other sale made with stipulations on the Auction day was to Mrs. Sarah Williams Lots 9, 10, and 11 in block 7 at the corner of Willow and Commercial. It was sold to her for one dollar. She had a son Vincent, and a daughter called Miss Frank. Mrs. Williams built a hotel and she and Miss Frank operated it intermittently until the end of the century. The building was two stories high and covered the whole lot frontage of 66 feet. The building was blown down in the storm of 1904. Her hotel was called called The Junction House.

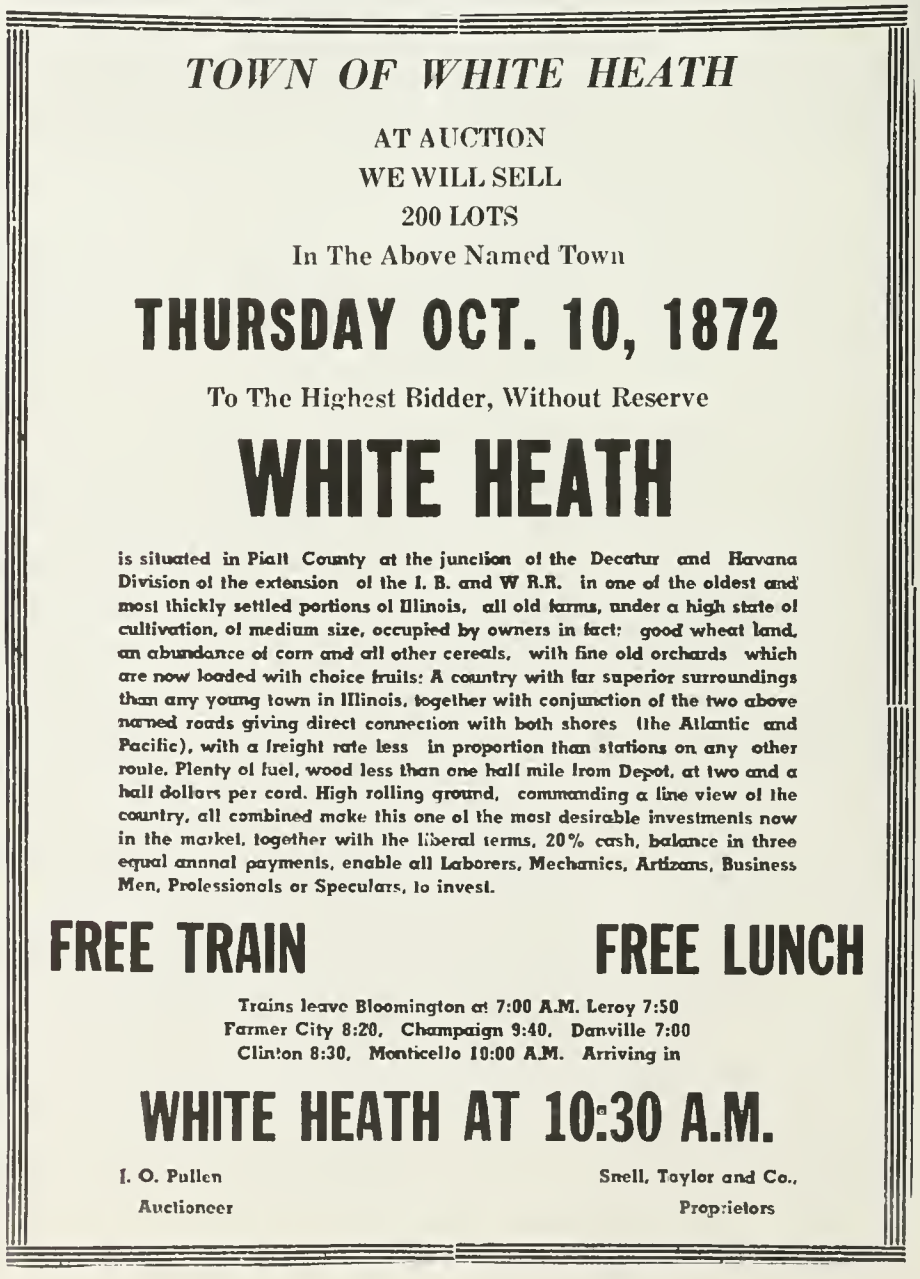
Another colorful figure , Charley Smith, had much to do with business there when White Heath was young. He built a store on the railroad property on Commercial St. just opposite the middle of Block 9. This building had a large room in the second story that was later called Cline's Hall. For many years it served as the social center of the Village and surrounding community. It was torn down in the early twenties and the usable lumber was used in building the house used by Errie Furnish. An annex to the building was moved and is still used as a residence.

Mr. Smith,who operated the store until 1878, was a native of Centerville and civil war veteran. He was a very popular man in the White Heath Community. When he started the store, granulated sugar was just coming onto the market and he always handled sea sugar. Noble Heath reported that every time Mr. Smith sold any sugar he put some water in what was left in the barrel to compensate for the loss of water by evaporation. He was honest about it; he stated that that was the only way he could sell 400 pounds of sugar out of a 400 pound barrel.

In 1874 James Webster sold his business to F.M. Peel. Mr. Peel was a druggist. He sold about everything. Mr. Peel had a partner, F. Watrons. He was appointed Postmaster at this time.

On July 4, 1874, the first flag pole in White Heath was raised in front of Smith's store. A pole 70 feet long was secured from the timber close by. An appropriate ceremony was conducted and five men from Centerville came to assist at the flag raising. This was unusual for that time Centerville and White Heath people were not the best of friends.

The bad feeling was brought about by: one, the voting of bonds to raise



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Clinton 8:30, Monticello 10:00 A.M. Arriving in

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money to build the railroad; two, the loss of the railroad by Centerville and three, an attempt of the people of White Heath to have the Township locate a high school in White Heath. The election for the high school was held in April just before the flag raising. Had we owned property in Centerville at that time we no doubt would have felt that we had been robbed by White Heath.

Weaver and Converse were mentioned as grain buyers and having an extensive lumber business in 1874. All there was in buying grain in those days was to buy the grain and to order the cars to ship it in. Mr. Converse was engaged in several business ventures while in White Heath. He at one time had a grocery store on the railroad property and one time operated a restaurant. He was in the village ten years.

Milton Ross had a blacksmith shop on the old stag couch road ¾ mile west of town. In early days there wasn't any road leading from White Heath to the shop. Mr. Ross lived in a house near his shop, part of which still stands there, now owned by Verta Barber. The Ross Cemetery near this home was named for him and many of his family and himself are buried there. Several foundations of other houses around the Ross home are still there. The foundations are large rocks that were at each corner of the houses.

During the early days when the Stag Coach road ran west and North of the present sight of White Heath, Abe Lincoln stopped at Furnhis's Spring and drank from a gourd dipper that hung on a nail nearby. This spring is still active.

So much interest was shown in the papers during the year 1874 when many letters were printed during the fight that was going on between Centerville and White Heath. Mr. Peel the Postmaster at that time reported that 140 subscribers received the Republican thru the White Heath post office as well as quite a number subscribing for the other three county papers. A group was organized to start a paper in White Heath. They decided to call it the Sangamon Herald. The yearly subscription was set at $5.00 with ministers, teachers, students, and poets to get it at half price. It was to begin publication in June 1875. They had trouble getting an editor and the plans never materialized.

A non-resident of White Heath that had a lot to do with it early years was Rev. Cumberland Tippett. Rev. Tippett was the grandfather of Darrell Tippett who until a few months ago was the the editor of the Piatt County Journal Republican. Rev. Tippett had migrated to Illinois and had served as pastor of Methodist Churches at several places in central Illinois. He was minister at Centerville and Camp Creek on that day in October 1872 when White Heath was born. He lived just over Tippett hill from White Heath. He fell from a tree while picking apples on October 6, 1875 and died the next day.

Toward the end of 1885 the people of White Heath attacked the school problem from a different angle. The one room at Hazel Del was crowded. They had to do something about it. It was easy to decide to add another room. Since the school was ungraded it made no difference where the new room was located so the school board , consisting of George Deland and Milton Curl of White Heath and Jess Clouser decided to build the room in White Heath. peace in the school district was assured for three or four years.

THE RAILROAD STORY

In 1856 a railroad running from Danville to Decatur, which is now a part of the Norfolk and Western was built across the southern part of Piatt County. Bement was plotted for a village at a point nearest to Monticello. It was to serve as a place to take care of the business for the County Seat.

A movement was soon started by citizens of Monticello to have a railroad of their own. Their purpose was not to build a seven mile line to connect at Bement, but much more ambitious project to build 23 miles and connect with the Illinois Central which had lately been built through Champaign. A company called The Monticello Railroad Co. was formed. Various routes were laid out, but the war that began in 1861 curtailed most railroad construction for the duration.

In 1867 Monticello again got the railroad fever and deeds were secured for the right of way. Some of the farmers who raised many cattle were opposed to the railroad as it would raise the price of corn and thus make feed more costly. But in general the smaller farmers were more cooperative.

Michael Bochard owned 40 acres in section 27. He gave to the Monticello Company a deed to a right of way through his farm with possession of all land within 50 feet of the center of the track. There was no limit to the time for the company to exercise the option. The complete price was $1.00.

On August 25, 1869, a new company was formed by capitalists from New York and other eastern cities. That group consolidated the Danville, Bloomington and Pekin with the Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and Danville Railroad to form The Indianapolis Bloomington and Western.

The group had a very ambitious project to work on, that is to build tracks beginning in Champaign and extending almost due west across Illinois crossing the Illinois river at Havana and proceeding westward to cross the Mississippi river at Keokuk, Iowa where they would unite with the Missouri Iowa and Nebraska which was in the process of being built to the Missouri river. At the Missouri they would connect with the Union Pacific. When this project was finished, the railroad with its eastern connection at Indianapolis would form the shortest route from New York to San Francisco.

Meanwhile in 1869 The Monticello Railroad Co. had a new plan of its own. Encouraged by a law that permitted Townships without a railroad to vote bonds and assist in building of one. The Monticello Co. decided to exploit this to the limit and thus secure part of the capital for building. As soon as a railroad was built through an isolated part of country land price of land jumped $10 to $60 an acre so it was easy to sell the idea to the people. Sangamon Township had 30,720 acres of land. The people voted $40,000 to the company that would run the first train through the Township.

The Monticello Company's New sights were set on building a railroad from Champaign through Monticello to Decatur and unite with the Decatur and E. St. Louis Line which was to be finished in the near future. This would make Champaign only 150 miles from St. Louis. This was to be finished in 18 months.

There was little signs of activity during 1870. Some plans were talked about to build a railroad from Champaign to Monticello. After 5 years not a mile of track had been laid.

On March 1, 1871 a contract was given to complete a railroad from Champaign and Monticello by July 1, 1871 and on to Decatur by December 1, 1871. But once again there was difficulty in raising money. This resulted in the formation of a working agreement between the I B and W road and the Monticello railroad.

The I B and W planned to go straight west from Champaign and the Monticello line was to angle slightly south to Monticello. The compromise Route was about ½ way between the route surveyed in 1867 and the I B and W Route. This would make the I B and W join with the Monticello line near the curve at present junction of present state route 10 and 47 proceed northwest to Centerville and then in a westerly direction to Havana. At this projected junction near Route 47 and 10 is where the White Heath story begins.

Work began in earnest in the spring of 1871 on the Monticello Line. But there was more trouble. The Monticello Line refused to be absorbed by the big Co. I B and W. So the big Company formed a small company called the Havana, Mason City, Lincoln and Eastern Railroad.

Work on the Monticello road was pushed to completion in 1871. Now the question was, where would the two roads join.

The Caldwells; the Maddens; Kearneys and Calefs owned large farms and were feeders of large numbers of cattle and hogs. They opposed the idea of the junction at the planned spot.

On Jan. 12, 1872 a contract was let to Col. Thomas Snell and James Deland of Ohio by the H Mc L and E to build a railroad from a junction on the Monticello Line to Havana. This Junction point was where White Heath stands today.

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A NEW RAILROAD

The interurban fever was high in White Heath. Rumor said that William B. McKinley was going to connect Champaign and Decatur with a street car line. Speculation was that it would run through White Heath and give the Village good passenger service between the two cities.

The Illinois Central responded with cheaper passenger service. Six passenger trains operated each way each day between Champaign and Decatur, and fares were lowered to two cents a mile, one way or a cent and a half a mile round trip between any two communities on the line. The trains stopped at most every cross road on the line for passengers.

People began to travel on the Illinois Central, but that did not stop the interurban from building a new railroad.

Early in March a contract was let. Everyone that wanted a job got one that summer. Wages for a man averaged two dollars per day and wages for a man and his team ran near four dollars per day.

It was one of the busiest years White Heath ever had. They were rewarded early in November 1906 by seeing the first street car to operate in White Heath. It was a small street car but it started carrying passengers between White Heath and Champaign at once. By the middle of January 1907, interurban service was extended to Monticello and by June the next summer it had reached Decatur.

The interurban not only gave White Heath a good transportation system but established and left a small payroll there.

For several years the interurban had a section crew of men in White Heath. Jerry Purcell and Jeff Fisher took care of the gang of men.

The interurban did a lot for the people who lived along its line in their pursuit of education. There was no reason now for anyone in White Heath not to have a high school diploma.

CEMETERY

Who were the people living in the area when White Heath was a new village? This question may be answered by visiting the three local cemteries: Ingram, Ross and Camp Creek.

First, let us go to Ingram Cemetery, which is located about one mile northeast of White Heath. Most of the fence line is marked with a wonderful memorial of beautiful evergreen trees planted by Clint and Nina Harper. As we look over the rows of graves, we find an old weather-beaten marker that says, "Thomas Newell, 1887." There is a window carved on it with curtains drawn back and in the center is a hand pointing toward heaven. We notice that this same emblem of the hand is on many of the older gravestones. Most of the childrens stones have lambs carved on them.

One small heartshaped stone says,

Graves of John Hughes 1887, one wife, Cyntha, 1860 and on the other side wife, Elizabeth, 1870, found in Ross Cemetery.

"Glenn, son of A. and J. Elsea, Budded on Earth to Bloom in Heaven." Messages like this show us the love and devotion of the early settlers and the faith and hope that sustained them. On the gravestone of Lazarus Wright is this verse:

Rest dear father and mother, your work is one
The cross is past, the crown is won
But you are not on earth forgot
And when our bodies meet that spot
I hope in heaven again to see
A dear father and mother, dear to me.

Some of the family names found here are: Cline, Ingrum, Harper, Wright, Lamb, Miller, Ramey, Luscaleet, Furnish, Lacy, Keller, Derr, Carper, Evans, Seymour, Rhoades, Davis and Taylor.

The oldest one is marked, "Infant son of Jacob Cline, 1815." Another infant, Clayton, son of William and Sarah Harper died in 1816.

The most recent graves are those of Bertha Smith and William Seymour.

Two modern stones reminds us of the tragic deaths of Nelda Alexander and Robert Dunn.

The second cemetery we shall visit is the Ross Cemetery located about one mile west of White Heath. There are no stones bearing the name Ross. According to information received from our older White Heath residents it was referred to by that name because it was across the road from a family names. Ross. Mrs. Ross was a blacksmith and lived where Chet Haines and his sister now live.

Time has caused many of the older stones to crumble and fall. The oldest stone we are able to locate is that of Sarah Martino, 1818. The newest is T. and S. Crowder 1848-1908 and 1849-1916 a replacement stone. Toward the back of the cemetery is a cement slab encasing three stones, those of John Hughes, 1887; one wife, Cyntha, 1860, on one side and wife Elizabeth, 1870 on the other.

Some of the family names found here are: Crowder, Mooney, Hall, Coon, Swisher, Hankinson, Bone, Piatt, Hughes, Kerr, Heath, Kemy, Cable, Madden, Babcock, and Martino.

About a mile south of White Heath we

Stone bearing name of Thomas Newell 1857 found in Ingram Cemetery.

Scroll shaped stones of William Curl, wife and infant, 1874. Also the oldest stone of Phillip Hanson 1884 in Camp Creek Cemetery.

come to the third cemetery, Camp Creek. Evergreens on the adjoining Payne Heath land form a pretty background for this cemetery. At one time the old Camp Creek Church was located here; but it was moved into White Heath in 1897.

Near the middle of the cemetery are three stones shaped like scrolls with the names William Curl, wife and infant 1874. Nearby is a stone that says, "Three infants, daughters and son of M. C. and R. J. Bensyl." 1875. In the far southwest corner you will notice the gravestone of Sam Gingery, an Ohio Infantryman. This looks like a very old stone; but there is no date given.

Some of the family names recorded here are Bookman, Morris, Grove, Heath, Spencer, Hickman, Hubbart, Close, Hart, Welsh, Bowdre, Combes, Coon, Ross, Fosnaugh, Wolfe, Fisher and Teats.

The oldest stone is located next to those of William Curl and belongs to Phillip Hanson 1844. The newest — Oda Fisher 1964.

DR. W.B. UNANGST

Dr. W. B. Unangst was located in Centerville when the October 1872 sale was held. But soon after located in White Heath. He was a handsome, well groomed gentleman. He owned a farm north of White Heath and some of the people liked to call him The Farmer Doctor. In 1888 the Doctor and Miss Mattie Bevens were married.

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CAMP CREEK CHURCH 1854

Long years before the village of White Heath came into being, pioneer Methodists began to construct a church building a mile south of the spot where White Heath was later started.

It was called Camp Creek Methodist Church, named after a little stream that ran through this prosperous farming community.

It is probable that the church was a continuation of the endeavor of Peter Cartwright and his successors who preached in a little school house a mile south on the bank of Camp Creek.

It took them two years to build the church, a rectangular barnlike building, which was fifty-six feet long, thirty feet wide with a twenty-two foot ceiling. It was built in a clearing which must have been used from the first as a cemetery. There are stones there dating back to 1857.

The old Teat's homestead adjoined it on the south. The building was lighted by four large windows in the north side and same on the south. Each window was composed of 32 small panes.

The women sat on the right hand side while the men sat on the left. It must have taken a lot of courage for a young man to escort his best girl to church.

The front fence had a large stile over which all foot traffic passed. One minister, Rev. Burkett, objected to the Sunday visiting at the stile, fearing that his Sermon would be forgotten.

Philip Conard was Sunday School superintendent for a while.

In the earliest records, that of 1873, shows the following names: Martha Plaster, Mary J. Norris, Mary Meacham, Hiram Bowle, Selina McCabe, Melissa Ferrill, Louisa Ellen Rodgers, John Perkins, Rachel Holderman, Gettus Bowdre, Jacob Higbee, Emma Higbee, Francis Bond and George Teats.

1875: — David Fosnaugh, Theordore Fosnaugh, and Joseph Valentino.

1884: — Anna Flynn, Mary Cramer, James Paris, Moses Hickman, Carrie Cox, Nettie Smock, Joseph Campbell, Charlotte Cox. Henry Trotter.

1885: — Lulu Conard, and Luther Cox.

1886: — Emily Branch, Mattie Foust, Bessie Heath, Sarah Dooley, Maude Higbee, Florence Tippett, Esther Coon.

1887: — Edward Flannigan, Noble Heath, Clint Tippett, Emma Hart, Anna Creviston, Ollie Smock, Sallie Harris, Elizabeth Branch, Charles McCann, Aaron Stevenson, Nettie Gray, John Ryan, Homer Shaw, Jessie Hardwich, Bert Bowdre, William Durham, Susie Durham, and Porter Lacy.

1891: — Robert Trimble, William Benson, Harry Fell, Frank Conard, Edward Kincaid, Luella Bond, Lizzie Primmer, Lilliam Heath, and Ora Heath.

In addition to these records were the names of older members of the Church: —

1872: — William Ridgley, Louisa Ridgley, Samuel and Jane Plaster, Calvin and Eliza Har, William and Elizabeth McCann, Samuel and Melissa Suver, Nancy Adkins, Daniel and Mary Norris, Mathias and Mary Teats, Sara Jimison, Joseph and Martha Bly, Susan Hickman, Porter and Elizabeth Heath, Helen, Jane and Fannie Heath, John Hughes, Ella Bond, Fannie Coon, Addison Coon, Algeretta Wrench. Later these names were added; Ada Heath, Ella McCann, Jessie and Jane Bushee, Henry L. Timmons, Lennia Hart, Viola Bowdre, Barbara Teats, Susan Storm, B. Ellsworth Duvall, C. S. and Eva McCurry, Peter and Minerva Primmer, Mary Smock, Gussie Smock, Charles Bachert.

The first time White Heath was mentioned in the record was 1891: Camp Creek, Prairie Chapel and Lodge were formed into a circuit called White Heath Circuit and James M. Muirhead was appointed to it.

In 1897 Mr. Hart suggested moving the church building to the Village of White Heath. Mr. Hart donated the ground on which it would stand. So it was moved. While it was being moved services were held in Cline's Hall. Dr. and Mrs. C.S. Davis gave great assistance in re-arranging the interior of the building when it was placed in White Heath. A parsonage was built soon after the church was moved. Rev. and Mrs. W.N. Tobie were the first occupants in 1899. For the first time Camp Creek Church, which had been called White Heath M.E. Church after the move, had a resident Pastor.

The 1904 storm removed the roof of the church. A few years later the roof was blown off again.

In 1929 the church closed its doors on the last Sunday morning in September. The membership was moved to Monticello.

The above reminiscences and facts were taken from a book written by Lillian Heath Haines.

CHURCHES OF WHITE HEATH

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In 1904 a storm removed the roof of the church. A few years later the roof was blown off again, this time during Children's Day rehearsal, and once again some changes were made. A basement was dug, a furnace installed, the walls painted instead of papered, and a piano donated.

During these years from 1897 to 1910 many changes took place in personnel. Dr. Davis moved to Champaign, Cal Hart and Al Cade moved to Kansas, John Conard moved to Colorado, W.C. Hubbart moved to Monticello, Philip Conard moved their membership to Monticello, and Mrs. Helen Tippett passed away. New names appear on the record, and new faces appear in the congregation: D.W. Filer, Nettie Bradley, Ralph Herbert, ND Redgley, Lizzie Crabbe Ole Olson's family, Mrs. Maria Grady and Merle, Charles Parks and family, Mrs. Silas Sievers and family, L.V. Nickell, the Byron Thompson family, George Drexler's, the Sam Bell family, the Haines family, and Mary Flanigan.

In 1910 the church was placed on the circuit with Bondville, Seymour and Centerville, which arrangement continued for about ten years, when once more we became a station, with a resident pastor, Rev. A.L. Simmons, who remaines for six years and was succeeded by Walker Butler.

The end was drawing near. The struggle for existence was becoming too intense. Many of the members were moving away. It made it very hard to carry on.

The last surviving member from the old days, and the oldest member of the church was George Teats. The record shows he was admitted to probation on February 14. 1873, and no doubt he was a member of the Sunday School long before that date. The church doors were closed on the last Sunday morning in September 1929. The membership was moved entire to the Monticello M.E. Church.

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In 1887 the United Brethren Church of Centerville transferred their membership to White Heath. Rev. Predmore was assigned to be pastor.

Church was held at the school house. Then when the new school was built the church bought the old building.

Spirited revivals were conducted every year by the United Brethren. The success of the minister was judge by how successful the revivals had been. The church was not without any disturbance and we frequently see of arrests that had been made in White Heath for distrubing public

meetings, Jim Heath told of a would be disturbance one night when he was in his teens. Three young men who considered themselves tough, went to the church in the school house with the intention of having a little so called fun. The minister, Rev. Dilavou, had taken as his scripture the story of Christ's casting out the devil. The minister paused in his sermon, looked at the boys and asked the people to excuse him as he had three devils to cast out. He stomped down the aisle and before he reached the three boys, the devils had changed to angels.

The Universalist Church was started in 1889. On May 24, 1896 they completed a church building. It was destroyed by the storm of 1904.

In memory of my parents, Doctor Brent L. and Nellie R. Barker and my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rankin.

By Lois Barker Leary

Front row: Edith Olson, Mabel Heath, Ethel Bradley, Helen Tippett, Nell Heath, Hattie Benson. Back row: Nettie Bradley, Becky Heath, Mrs. Grove, Maggie Smith, Mrs. Filer, Mrs. Parks. On wagon: Mrs. Teats.

Mr. Ole Olson, who lived east of town, gave the ladies of the Methodist Church all the corn they could pick in a day for their church fund. Charles Olso was assigned to try to keep the ladies on the row. Mr. Murray (grain buyer) gave them a premium of 10c per bushel and Mr. Filer gaven them 2c a bushel. At the price of 52c per bushel the ladies netted $20.

The ladies that did all this work were: Barbara Teats, Hattie Fell, Margaret Dukes, Nellie Filer, Rebecca Heath, Nettie Bradley, Etta Parks, Mollie Groves, Dr. Florence Duvall, Mable Heath, Edith Olson, and Ethel Bradley.

WHITE HEATH DOCTORS

During the early years of White Heath the town had two doctors most of the time.

Dr. Henrie was one of the first. Not long after he arrived he built a combination home and office. The building still stands. Dr. Henrie died Dec. 24, 1884. His place was taken by Dr. Davis.

Dr. Unangst came to White Heath from Centerville soon after the Auction. He owned a farm north of White Heath. In 1888 he was married to Miss Mattie Bevens. We also found mention at in 1875 he built a shoe shop. We never found who the cobbler was that ran the shop. The doctor died May 2, 1894. His practice was taken over by Dr. Hart.

Dr. Davis took over Dr. Henrie's practice. Dr and Mrs. Davis gave a lot of assistance in rearranging the interior of the Methodist Church building after it was placed in White Heath. Dr. Davis remained in White Heath until 1902 when he sold his home and office to Dr. Barker and moved to Champaign.

Dr. Hart took over the Unangst practice.

Dr. Hart used two names while in White Heath, sometimes Hart and some times Harwood. Dr. Hart left the town soon after the coming of Dr. Barker. But soon Dr. Peel appeared, nephew of F.M. Peel, and White Heath again had two doctors.

Brent L. Barker was a native of Kentucky. He was born in Somerset, Kentucky on the 15th of December, 1871. He was the son of William M. Barker and Malinda Sievers Barker.

Dr. Barker acquired his elementary education in public school in Somerset and later engaged in teaching for two years. He was next a student at the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio where he pursued a general course and on leaving that Institution he resumed teaching for three years. While thus employed at Somerset he took up the study of Medicine and in 1893 entered the Louisville Medical School. Where he was graduated on the 25th of March, 1897 with an M.D. degree.

Dr. Barker came to White Heath, Illinois in 1898. July 11, 1902 he purchased property which had a nice house and barn.

On the 17th of June 1903 he was married to Miss Nellie Rankin of White Heath who was born near Cisco, September 1, 1882. After his marriage people of White Heath thought that the good doctor was here to stay. But a few years after he sold out and moved to Monticello.

Dr. Barker was quite popular in social as well as professional and business circles and was liked by all who knew him.

Doctor and Mrs. Barker had two children: Lois born in 1904; Ruth born in 1909.

Dr. Barker moved to Monticello, September 17, 1907. He purchased medical practice and home from Dr. Wm. G. Matson when he moved to Monticello.

Doctor Barker became a member of the Presbyterian Church, served as Secretary of Piatt County Medical Society, Member of School Board, member of the draft board World War I.

He continued to live in the same residence and practiced medicine until his death in 1917.

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DR. SIEVERS AND FAMILY

Dr. William Newton Sievers was born in Nancy, Kentucky on March 18, 1885, a son of William Logan and Perminah Hudson Sievers. He received his medical degree from the University of Louisville in 1910. He came to White Heath early in 1910 and practiced medicine in White Heath, Illinois, from that date until the date of his death on September 17, 1960. He built the house where Nellie Alexander now lives and through all these years had his office in his house.

He married Ella Lydia Weddle in 1910. To that marriage was born three children, namely: Arnold Sievers, attorney, at Monticello, Illinois; Arthur Sievers, who was killed in June of 1943 in World War II: and Maxine Fellinger, who now resides at Kirkwood, Missouri. Ella Sievers died in January of 1959 and Dr. Sievers subsequently married Bertha Roane, who survived his death and now resides in Monticello, Illinois.

He served on the White Heath grade school board of education for 25 years and the Monticello High School board for 20 years, 19 as President. He was a former President and Secretary of the Piatt County Medical Association. On October 23, 1959, he was presented a certificate for 50 years of practice by the American Medical Association. He delivered more than 1300 babies and in April of 1959, the residents of the community of White Heath honored Dr. Sievers at a testimonial meeting attended by many of the children whom he had delivered, and in some cases, grandchildren. He was presented a plaque for his services to the community on that occasion.

Doctors who at one time were in White Heath: Dr. Henries, Dr. Davis, Dr. Unangst, Dr. Hart, Dr. Barker, Dr. Peel, Dr. Caldwell, and the last of the doctors to practice in White Heath, Dr. W. N. Sievers.

On May 7, 1959 Dr. Sievers was honored by White Heath. A tribute to Dr. Sievers was written by Mrs. Bertha Roane who later became Mrs. W. N. Sievers.

In the little old county of Piatt
In the state of Illinois,
There is a nice little Village
That is dear to each girl and boy.

White Heath is the name of the Village
And the people who reside therein
Are really and truly "the salt of the earth"
Now here's where my story will begin-

The story really started "way back when"
Farther back than some can remember,
I just don't know if 'twas spring or fall
It may have been June or December.

But one day a young doctor moved into town
Out of college just a year or so,
And why he settled in our town
This I will never know.

But settle in our town — he did
And he's been here, all of these years
He has shared in our "happy go lucky" times
And also our sorrow and tears.

I remember when he'd been practicing
Not more than a week or two
My brother Chet got sick with the croup
And we didn't know what to do.

Dad said, "We'd better get a doctor"
And mother said, "Yes we should"
Dad said, "I'd call that new one,
If I thought he'd be any good."

Well, he went to the phone and called him
And he was there in nothing flat.
In just a few minutes Chet could breathe again
He had cured him **just like that;**

My Dad said, "What do I owe you
For the medicine, trip, and such"
And the Blessed young Doctor said, "Oh I don't know
Would two dollars be too much?"

As the days went by and grew into years
The Doctor's practice grew and grew
He was kept busy almost day and night.
With much more than he could do.

He's been a friend as well as a Doctor
To all of us down through the years,
He has stood by through many hardships
And helped quiet our worries and fears.

This world would be a dreary place
As we go traveling down life's road
Without a family Doctor at hand
To share our every load.

He is someone to rejoice with us
When fortune comes our way
And give us real encouragement
For greater things some day.

He has learned to sympathize
And has tried to understand
The problems that each one may have
And to lend a helping hand.

He has brought many babies into the world
Has cared for the old and the young
And everyone entering our town today
Will hear his praises sung.

Much more could be said of the Doctor
But 'twould take till the end of time
There aren't enough words to write it all down
And certainly not in rhyme.

So I'll just say "Three cheers for Dr. Sievers"
May his good works live on and one,
And each feel grateful in his own small way
For the family Doctor to lean upon.

Dr. Siever's old barn.

This is a partial list of the names of the babies delivered by Dr. W. N. Sievers.

Patrick Tatman, Fancy Rosy Johnson, Stanley Sievers, Katherine Furnish, Chester Henderson, Myrtle Luce, Mildred Miller, William Coyle, Lizzie McClellan, Bessie Blacker, Walter Perry, Mildred Wrench, Erma Flanigan, Hildred Viola Allen, Clarence Perry.

Margerite Heath, Ella Collins, Donald Zindars, Lois Hamm, Baby Girl Spencer, Webster A. Stark, Charles Glen Mitchell, Willard Singer, Baby Boy Furnish, Clifford Barlow, Rozetta Hickman, Baby Girl Primmer, Harold Unangst, Glenn Harper,

Ernest Henderson.

Lula Taylor, Robert Paris, Fred Shultie, Ethel Tatman, Martha Plimpton, Kenneth Blacker, Hubert Wrench, Bernice Smith, Harry J. Harper, Luiza Wrench, Nancy Todd, Baby Girl Webb, Lyle Johnson, Arnold Sievers, Eldon Luscaleet.

Paul Conway, Erslice F. Mackey, Thelma Wrench, Harry Perry, William A. Blasler, Marian Ruth Heath, Audrey Combes, William H. Elsworth, Eva Eades, Mildred Primmer, Dorothy McClure, Jacob Spencer, John Albert Cox, Ella B. Sievers, Baby Boy Higgins.

John R. Henderson, Floyd W. Paris, Henry Cary, Eva May Wrench, Paul Branch, Morris Coyle, Hazel Spencer, Edith Henderson, Charles Ragland, Paul Olson, Emma Zella Bell, Dorothy Hardyman, Bessie Furnish, Ruth Furnish, Arthur Sievers.

Baby Boy Mackey, Ruth Drexler, Maude Bowdre, Dorothy Heath, Clifford Creech, Albert Routt, Edna Bartley, Sarah Perry, Mary Gadberry, Clifford Evans, Mary Hamman, Doris Wilkie, Ruth Blacker, Alvin Hammel, William Simmons.

Helen Hankinson, Frances M. Harper, Donald Bowman, Robert Harper, Barbara J. Wright, Clarence Hankinson, William Fosnaugh, John Blacker, Baby Girl Greathouse, Lois Olson, James Foster, James R. Blacker, Paul K. DeLand, Dorothy Ragland, Ruby V. Ealy.

Nellie B. Handley, Francis E. Lang, Walt. Lichtenberger, Carol Alexander, Helen Mackey, Stephen Perry, Dale Robinson, Mary Childers, Jesse D. Hickman, Baby Boy Kirkland, Charles Zindars, William McConkey, Nellie Pollard, Florence Henderson, Benny McIntosh.

Fred Fraker, Norma Bartley, Katherine Handley, Chester Robinson, Eva Marie Cox, Frances Dunlap, Doris Luscaleet, Dortha Luscaleet, Erma Ruth Wilkey, Lucy M. Hankinson, Ralph S. Mix, Charles Olson, Helen L. Robinson, Max Evans, John B. Webb.

Lester V. Mackey, Mary H. Hickman, Edna Cox, Frances B. Madden, Joseph A. Keller, William N. Branch, Earl Slusser, Ruth R. Hostler, Charles Henderson, Josephine Hankinson, Phyllis W. Winder, Doris Rusch, Dale V. Mackey, Anna Bartley, Leddy Handley.

William H. Hostler, Lois Bryant, Orian Ronald Madden, Baby Girl Greathouse, Darrel Dean McIntosh, Charles Flannigan, Donald Martin, Dorothy P. Seymour, George Perry, Melvin Ruch, Mollie Wrench, Elizabeth Grady, Clifford DeGroft, Berlyn Scott, Velma Jene McDonald.

Floyd Sprinkle, Alzona Cline, Claude Henderson, Robert E. Nibb, Thelma Ruch, Jack Camp Smith, Doris Kingston, Ruth Aleen Brown, Betty Lucille Ruch, Francis White, Ardith Brown, John Handley Jr., Jewel Dilsaver Jr., Wallace Brock, Leona DeLand.

Lorna Flannigan, Ellen Sievers, Lyle Ragland, John Sprinkle, Harold Zindars, Thelma Ruth Hannah, Robert Hostler, Doris Dubson, John Bartley, Ona Greathouse, Emma Jean Seymour, Maxine Scott, Johnnie Dunlap, Jaunita Stewart, Lester Winder, Marian Olson, Laura Flannigan, Allen Ruch, Chester Record, Baby Girl Musick, Wanda Parker, Robert Sievers, Bobbie Webb, Luella Brown, Orville Kaufman, Nora Larson, Naomi Sprinkle, Norma Jean Ruch, Baby Girl Norfleet, Mildred Workman.

Virgil Stanford, Junior L. Norfleet, Joyce Koss, Arther Larson, James Freeman, W. A. Skeels, Gayle Wright, Dale Edwin Vance, Mildred Haines, Betty Gordon, Norma Jean Wood, Donna Rae Grove.

Wayne Meece, F. Wayne Alexander, Baby Boy Cobb, Nancy Joan Vance, Vivian E. Hassinger, Bensley Sims, Shirley Sprague, Roland Seymour, Andrew Flannigan, Kenneth Frye, Maxine Brown, Ann Paugh, Mary Castang, James Cafin, Delores Dickerson.

Charles Ross Mitchell, Shirley Rambo, Leslie Skeels Jr., Raymond Hunter Jr. Doris Edith York, Chris Koss Jr., Muriel Haneline, Beulah Wood, Leroy Hankinson, Francis Larson, Mannie M. May, Patricia Mitchell, Richard Harper, Robert Eastham, Charles Wileaver.

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John Flannigan, Charles Castang, Iona Vermillion, Don L. Vinson, Thomas Bergen, Vernon W. Brown, Orville Brown, Edward Scott Jr., Laurence Sievers, Margie Weaver, Russell Gordon, David Pyle, Arnold Musick, Jack W. Wood, Hubert Hickman.

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GRANDMOTHER'S RECEET

Grandmother's Receet. Years ago when my mother was a bride, my Kentucky grandmother gave her "receet" for washing clothes. This treasured bit of writing now hangs above my gleaming automatic washer.

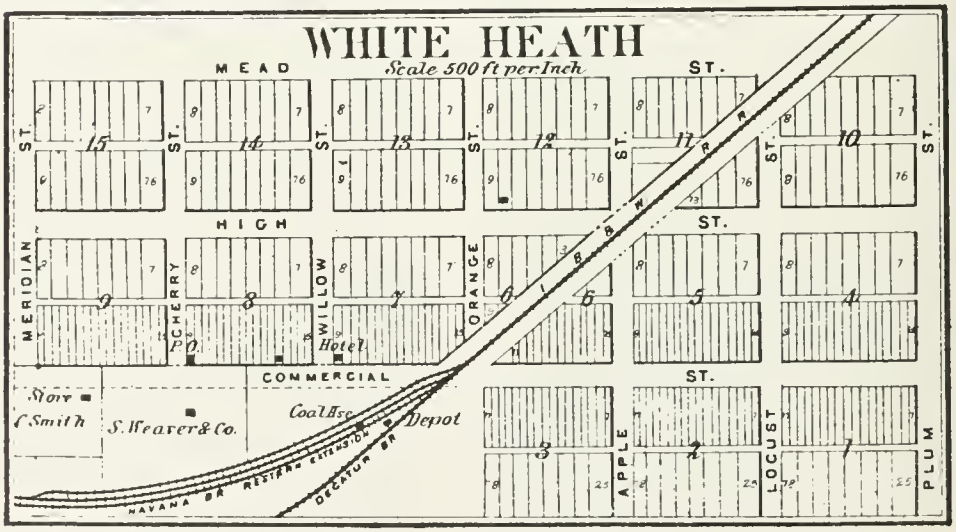
1. Bild fire in back yard to het kettle of rain water.
2. set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is peart.
3. shave 1 hole cake lie soap in bilin water.
4. sort things. make 3 piles. 1 pile white. 1 pile cullord. 1 pile werk briches and rags.
5. stur flour in cold water to smooth then thin down with bilin water.
6. rub dirty spots on board. scrub hard. then bile. rub cullord but don't bile just rench and starch.
7. take white things out of kettle with broom stick handel then rench blew and starch.
8. spred tee towels on grass.
9. hang old rags on fence.
10. pore rench water in flower bed.
11. scrub porch with hot sopy water.
12. turn tubs upside down.
13. go put on cleen dress. smoth hair with side combs, brew cup of tee, set and rest and rock a spell and count blessins.

GRANDMA'S DAY ON THE FARM

Grandmother on a winter's day, milked the cows, slopped the hogs, saddled the mule,
Got the children off to school. Did a washing, mopped the floors,
Washed the windows and did some chores.
Cooked a dish of home dried fruit, pressed her husband's Sunday suit.
Swept the parlor, made the bed, baked a dozen loaves of bread.
Split some firewood and lugged it in — enought to fill the kitchen bin.
Cleaned the lamps and put in oil, stewed some apples she though might spoil.
Churned the butter, baked a cake, then exclaimed, "For goodness sake,
The calves have got out of the pen";
Went out, and chased them in again.
Gathered the eggs and locked the stable — back to the house and set the table.
Cooked a supper that was delicious,
Afterward, washed up all the dishes.
Fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes,
mended a basketful of hose,
The opened the organ and began to play,
"When you come to the end of a perfect day."

—Author unknown

Farmers helping a neighbor after a heart attack. Kneeling: Harold Musick, Darwin Musick, Clayton Greenarch, Arnold Musick, Frank Bowdre. Standing: George Day, John Blacker, Dick Dickerson, Floyd Bowdre, John Heath, William Musick.



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WHITE HEATH BUSINESSES

During the later part of the first decade of the 20th century some men around White Heath began to get interested in White Heath business. Oscar Thompson who operated a store in Centerville turned his attention to White Heath. Seymour White purchased the building owned by Earl Deland and stood just east of the depot. In 1905 he leased his building to Mr. Thompson and soon a fourth grocery store was in operation. In 1906 the coming of the Interurban took over the building owned by Mr. White as it was in the road of the new tracks, it had to be moved. Mr. Thompson sold his merchandise and goodwill to Robert Stewart and wife and they operated the business after the building was moved.

In 1908 Mr. Thompson was back in business in the Interurban building in partnership with Earl Deland. They built a two story building where the present pool room stands and operated a general merchandise store.

After a year or two they sold the building to Frank Blacker and the business to George Drexler. Mr. Thompson soon left town and Earl Deland became cashier of the New Sievers and Cline Bank.

In 1913 William Jones of Cisco located a branch store in White Heath. Mr. Sievers bought the store building that had been built by Julius Flanigan and last used as a store by Europe Fosnaugh. The building was moved about a hundred feet east and two large rooms were added to the west of it. Mr. Jones opened a hardward, implement and furniture store in the building. Soon after another room was added to the east and Harry Sanford of Monticello opened a harness shop there. Later another room was added and George Clouser moved his barber shop to it. George and his wife soon took over the room built for the harness shop and for many years operated a restaurant and barber shop in the two rooms.

Mr. Jones only was in White Heath for a couple years. Teats and Morton operated an implement store in the building for a few years.

Fred and Betty Miericke and Store.

Ross Mitchell's Store: Reg Mitchell; Grace Stantz; Jeanette Blacker; Terry Cresap; Sharon Hartsfield; Curtis Vance; Dobbins Jeff Fisher.

After Ross Mitchell's store burned in 1885, he later built a small room between Mr. Peel's store and Dr. Henries office and located his Post Office there. The building had various uses from time to time, first as a butcher shop, and on a couple occasions was a barber shop and at one time the Ross Sisters operated a ladies and hat shop there. After the turn of the century the building was bought by Jerry Purcell and moved to his home northeast of town and used as a kitchen.

The Bank Building

THE WHITE HEATH BANK STORY

In 1874 Hiram Artman made the prediction that White Heath within another year would have a National Bank. Well, they never got the National Bank but after thirty years they did get a bank and Hiram Artman was instrumental in helping get it.

In November 1906, Mr. Cline was elected County Treasurer. Mr. Cline had long felt the need of a bank to take care of the township and school fund of Sangamon Township.

Mr. Cline, with the help of Hiram Artman, John Heath, and others organized in 1907 the J. F. Heath Banking Company of White Heath. A side room of Mr. Cline's store was used as a bank, and the same force that took care of the store and Post Office handled the business of the bank.

In 1913 Mr. Cline died. His son Ona took over his interest in the band and the bank was reorganized under the name of Sievers and Cline and continued to operate in the Cline Building.

William Alexander a farmer and stock-buyer was elected president of the White Heath State Bank when it was organized in 1921. It was located in a modern bank building that Silas Sievers influenced the bank to erect in 1913.

The State Bank of White Heath was in business until 1927 when it was sold to the Moore State Bank in Monticello.

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GRAIN ELEVATORS OF WHITE HEATH

In 1895 J. C. Flanigan with a silent partner, his brother, John A. Flanigan, became more active in the grain business. At that time farmers had to scoop the grain into boxcars.

Mr. Flanigan contrived a device that made it much easier for the farmer. He built a building at the high place along the railroad and made a high driveway into it. Once on the driveway it was easy to dump the grain into a huge box just under the floorboards and when the wagon was empty and moved out the boards were put back. A team of horses were hitched to a rope which with the use of pulleys was used to lift the box to the top of the elevator and then the grain was run into the boxcar.

In 1903 William Murray built the first real elevator in White Heath. But it wasn't in use long for the storm in 1904 blew it down. This was a great loss because it had a 50,000 bushel capacity.

In 1904 William Murray built the present elevator that was fifty percent larger.

H.F. Hannah General Store 1923 to 1939

In 1923 Hugh F. Hannah purchased the general store of Max Branch in White Heath. Mr. Hannah moved with his family to White Heath from Lodge where he had operated a similar store for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Hannah operated the store in White Heath until 1939 when it was sold to Ross Mitchell.

Different from today's super-markets, this general store carried a wide variety of merchandise and was the source of many supplies to the residents of White Heath and the farmers of the surrounding area. In addition to groceries, many items of clothing, like men's overalls, hose, and yard goods were carried in stock. A busy cream and egg buying station was operated. The gas pump supplied fuel for the cars of this period.

In contrast with today's shipping methods, railroad car loads of potatoes, sugar, and other staples were shipped in frequently. Also typical of those years were the truck loads of groceries, meats, and ice delivered to various farms for thresher's dinners.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Hannah in the store at different times were Orville Kaufman, Ogal Greathouse, Fred Lanier and Ross Mitchell. Also helping were the four Hannah children, Phyllis, Mrs. Herbert Barnes of Seattle, Washington; Ardeth,Mrs. Charles Finson of Monticello; Lawrence, of St. Louis, Missouri; and Noel, who was killed in World War II.

Two years after selling the store, Mr. Hannah passed away on October 4, 1941 in Champaign. Mrs. Hannah now lives at 506 West Healey Street in Champaign.

WANTED

Hired from my barn in White Heath on June 2, 1911, one roan mare, 11 years old, weight 1150. Shod all around. Open bridle. Trots and paces in harness. Full fore top; black main and tail. Buggy steel tire; 3 bow top; hole torn in top, and has been patched once; buggy used 6 or 7 years; new spoke been put in hind wheel and has no paint on it. Also has horse blanket covering seat.

DESCRIPTION OF MAN — Height, 5 feet, 10 inches, Weight, 175, Smooth faced; wearing a narrow rim stiff straw hat. Light grey suit of clothes.

G. W. Teats, Owner.

Address all communications to F. D. Duvall, Sheriff, Monticello, Illinois.

Many young men and women born in or near the Village of White Heath became professional members of our state of Illinois: Arnold Sievers, attorney; Roy Cline, attorney; Horce White, attorney; Clarence Hughes, M.D.; Charles Branch, M.D.; Ralph Bushee, Dentist; Charles A. Olson, Jr., Civil Engineer; and many nurses and teachers.

TELEPHONES

Noble Heath was especially interested in phones. A young man by the name of John Kirkpatrick worked for Noble. James Heath and Kirkpatrick became good friends. Noble taught the boys how to make a wet cell battery and they put a phone in the house and connected to a phone in the barn. Then they connected a phone at James Heath's home a half mile aways. Noble had an aunt in White Heath and he connected a phone to her house. Then Dr. Davis wanted a phone connected. Finally the White Heath Telephone Company came into being. Each phone holder paid a fee of $40 and from then on they were charged a cent a day, $3.65 per year for the service. The operator earned 35c per day.

The family of the late Charles and Minnie Wood, who has been a resident of White Heath, since 1926. Second row: Stanley, Clyde, Delmeth Charles, Carl. Left to right: Frances Eckel, Mother, Jack, Grace, Lucy, Mabel.

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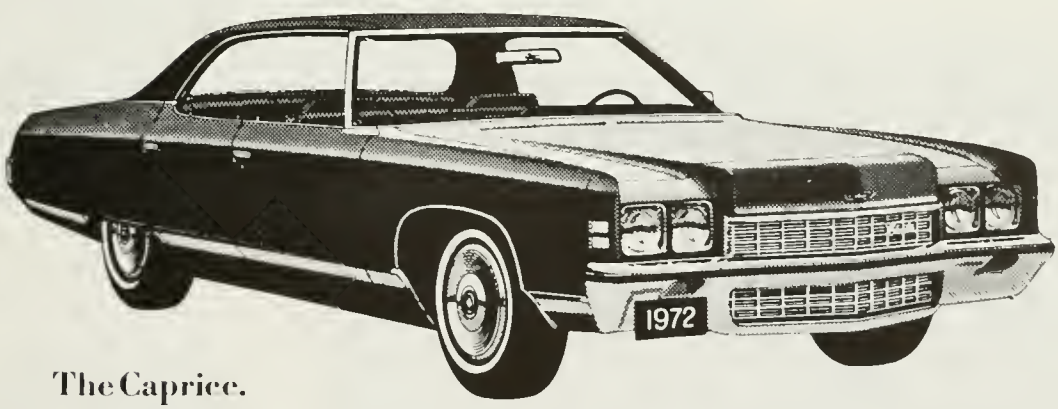

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Sports in White Heath

Sports is one active pastime which many people enjoy watching as well as participating.

In the closing years of the 1800's and the beginning of the 1900's White Heath was noted for its great Football teams.

In 1972 White Heath merchants are the sponsors for a small boys little league team, coached by Earl Pearce and Larry Mattox; the White Heath Cubs, coached by Butch Buchanan; The White Heath Sox, coached by Don Winterbottom, Scoby Phillips and Gene Kutz; and two pony league teams coached by Dick Harper and Bill Vaughn.

This is the first year for the young boy's team and was formed because of the large amount of interest in baseball. The two little league teams were formed from the original Sox club just four years ago. Previous coaches of this first Sox team were John Blacker and Roy Phillips. In 1960 Mr. Blacker's team won 1st. Mr. Phillips coached the team in 1966 when they captured first place in the tournament and 1967 they won first place in the league competition. This honor returned to our town in 1970 when the cubs also captured first place in league competition and also first place in the tournament under the coaching of Dick Harper and Rocky Winterbottom. In 1971, Butch Buchanan took a group of boys to Monticello for an All-Star tourney.

The Poney league was reorganized in 1970 because there were many boys interested in playing who were not being given the opportunity to play in Monticello. Rather than see these boys deprived of this opportunity, Dick Branch and Joe Chalk Jr. graciously consented to assume the coaching duties of these youths.

The parents have faithfully followed and worked just as hard as the Ball players. The Association purchased lights for the diamond. The men have worked hard to make the diamond as nice as it is. They even poured a new floor for the refreshment house. They have been very good in helping with the ground upkeep. The Moms supply the labor for selling pop, candy, and popcorn to help finance the teams. The boys furnish the entertainment which the Community really enjoy.

Judy Harper Co-Treasurer
White Heath Little and Pony Leagues.

White Heath Sox coached by Scoby Phillips and assisted by Don Winterbottom. Left to right top row: Scoby Phillips, Steve Sprague, Kim Benson, Dan Seymour, Don Winterbottom. Second Row: Randy Eades, Jeff Phillips, Eric Benson, Don Reynolds, Jerry Perkins, Tom Menacher. Front Row: Doug Lilly, Rich Sebens, Tom Benson, Mike Winterbottom, Jeff Painter, Eric Winterbottom.

White Heath Cubs team, coached by Dick Harper and assisted by Ken Purcell. Front Row: Terry Cresap, Steve Carr, Bob Alexander, Danny Blacker, Jeff Wilson. Second Row: Steve Harper, Brett Doane. Third Row: Steve Alexander, Done Stone, Kenny Purcell, Barry Price, Terry Fogerson, Robert Howland, Richard Howland, Tim Fogerson. Back Row: Coaches Dick Harper and Ken Purcell.

Basket-Ball Team

Ruth Parnell, coach, lower-grades teacher; Leota Fosnaugh, Lalla Votrain, Rose Hosler, Beryl Freeman, Helen Purcell, Julia Filer.

White Heath Little League 1963. Bottom Row: Eric Olson, Bruce Doane, Bill Olson, Rick Carr, John Whitlock, David Crow, Ray Moefield,. Standing: Scott Perry, Mark Greenarch, Randy Vance, Stan Blacker, Coach John Blacker, Jim Kallembach, Charles Cresap, Paul Norman.

Top l. to r.: Mr. Miller, Joe Filer, Charlie McDonald, Carl Ewing, Clark Blacker, James Heath, John Wrench, Mr. Luscaleet. Bottom l. to r.: Roy Cline, Arthur McDonald, Fred Bensyl, Max Branch, Oscar Furnish and Arthur Heath.

THE SPIT AND WHITTLE CLUB. John Perkins, Jeff Fisher, Dr. W. N. Sievers.

THE WHITE HEATH SPIT AND WHITTLE CLUB

Located in the corner of Junction and Orange streets is a building that has been there for several years. Many kinds of business have been located there through the years.

At the present time located in the building which has been remodeled is a pool room and a very good restaurant owned by Harold and Doris Mansfield better known as Festus and Kitty.

In front of the building is a Bench. This Bench replaced a bench that had been located in the same spot for years. This was and is a gathering place for men of the community to sit and visit.

In our research we found a picture of the original Bench and a poem written in 1940 by a former resident of White Heath about this Bench. It went like this:

As I sped along the highway,
On that bright and sunny morn
I didn't know I was nearing
The place where I was born.

So I was shocked and quite dumbfounded
When I begun to realize
There was my old home town
Right before my eyes.

I decided to stop in for a bit
to see if there was any change
But I saw not one familiar face
And every thing looked strange.

So I got in the car and prepared to go
I was feeling downhearted and blue
There was really no point in staying here
Where things were so strange and new.

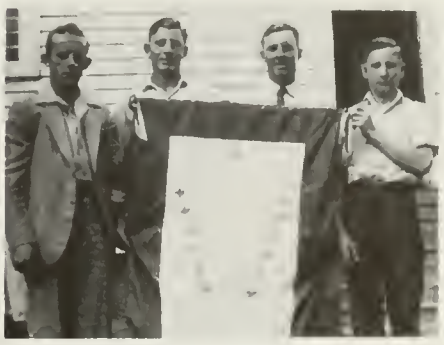
As I turned the corner and started to leave
Imagine my great surprise
There was the "Spit and Whittle" club
Right before my eyes.

There were "Tom and Dick and Harry"
And maybe a couple more,
They were spitting and whittling leisurely,
In front of the same old store.

It made my fond heart swell with pride,
So I decided to stick around
To think, in all my travels
This familiar scene I'd found.

As I sat down on that wooden bench,
(I am not one to snub)
I decided to spit and whittle a while
With the "Spit and Whittle" club.

"BHR"



Clyde Woods, Marian Dyson, Hank Dyson, Jack Wood.

DR. HENRIE

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WHITE HEATH CLASS OF 1915 — back row, left to right, Harold Votrain, deceased; Fred Alexander, deceased; Ab Flanigan, Tuscola; Orville Grove, deceased; Guy DeLand, deceased; Homer Grove, deceased; Helen Taylor Wright, Monticello; Tessie Clouser Sievers, Bloomington; Wilma Furnish Claxton, Monticello; Robert Wrench, deceased; Lela Votrain Hosler, White Heath; W. K. Lemme (teacher). 2nd row, l. to r., Edna Freeman Mitchell, Monticello; Ethel Alexander Cox, Monticello; Ona Deland, deceased; Kenneth Bensyl, deceased; Charlie Vinson, White Heath; Earl Cox, deceased; Hassett Smith, deceased; Jewell Dilsaver, Charleston; Dr. Edwin Grove, deceased. 1st row, l. to r., Fred Fisher, White Heath; Dale Alexander, deceased; Hazel Fisher, White Heath; Jean Scott Flanigan, Tuscola; Edna Vinson, Texas; Hazel Plunk Phelger, Decatur; Susie Votrain, Peoria; Harold Smith, Chicago. The class includes grades 5 though 10.

SCHOOLS OF WHITE HEATH

May 4, 1893 an election was held. White Heath and Hazel Del Schools were to be closed. May 14 they authorized a new two room school building.

June 15 White Heath and Hazel Del were closed.

On July 12 work began on the new White Heath School. Many called this The Academy.

White Heath got two years of high school after the Academy was built in 1893.

No doubt their two year high school reached its zenith under the leadership of Mr. Alfred Ewington. He was misunderstood by the adults and loved by all students. His favorite subjects were foreign languages and the sciences. When he took walks through the Village he usually read aloud from one of his favorite books.

Mr. Ewington only taught in White Heath for three years.

THE SCHOOL REUNION OF 1912

The Academy, as the school was affectionately called by most of the early students, meant a lot to many of its former pupils. Some had graduated and gone on to college and others had gone into successful business ventures with no further schooling.

Three of these decided to have a reunion of all the students who attended the Academy during the time from its building in 1893 to the end of the term in 1903. Those three were Dr. Ralph Bushee, a dentist in Monticello; Ona Cline, a successful insurance agent in Monticello; and Pat Hughes, a furniture dealer in Champaign. With the help of others that had gone to school at that time they made up a list and sent them a special invitation. The following was the invitation.

Monticello, Illinois
July 30, 1912

TO _____

For sometime there has been a desire among some of the former pupils of the White Heath Academy to hold a reunion.

The undersigned, once pupils, now old men, have taken upon themselves the liberty of starting the ball.

We have fixed September 14th and 15th as the date.

On Saturday, September 14th, we will meet in Cline's Hall to register, talk over old times and tell of the money that we haven't made.

On Saturday evening at seven-thirty O'clock, the ladies of the U.B. and M.E. churches will serve an excellent banquet for us, after which all will be given a chance to 'spell' to their heart's content.

On Sunday an all day picnic will be held at the "Tank"

We would be pleased to have every member that attended the White Heath Academy from the time it was built until 1903. We have taken names from the school registers, but some years were incomplete and we are not sure that we have all the names of the pupils that attended in the time above mentioned. We enclose a list of the names to whome we have invitations and if you know of any omitted, please let us know at once.

If you have any old pictures, papers or anything connected with the school that would be interesting please send or bring with you when you come.

This will probably be the only correspondence that we will send out, so please do not forget the date and be sure to come.

Please let us hear from you whether or not you can be present, that arrangements can be made accordingly. Write to either of the undersigned.

Dempsey and Bushee

P.S. —This invitation also includes any human being which you may have acquired since you were in school.

LIST OF GIRLS

Jennie Bates, Rosetta Dungan, Belle Dungan Cox, Estella Bushee, Ethel Goldtrap Stark, Bertha Duvall Ankeny, Maggie Flanagan, Effie Deland Branch, Nyra Deland, Stella Furnish, Iamo Williams, Florence Coyle McFetters, Katie Hughes Mullin, Lola Luscaleet McDonald, Jennie Wanger.

Cynthia Flanagan, Etta Wright, Rachel Wrench, Mable Heath Fell, Pearl Bensyl, Myrtle Bensyl, Ethel Hott, Flossie Mitchell, Bessie Deland, Vira Deland Scott, Linda Deland, Lola Furnish, Maida Luscaleet, Pearl Luscaleet, Lela Blunt.

May Wrench, Bessie Hughes, Frances Flanagan, Jessie Mitchell, Bertha

Bradley, Myrtle Mitchell, Eva Scott, Ethel Bradley Olson, Madge White, Lillian Heath, Zoe Bachard, Sylvia Duvall, Florence Rankin, Ruth Dillavou, Grace Blacker.

Jean Heath, Edna Heath, Grace Fosnaugh, Lucille Fosnaugh, Letitia Primmer Brame, Hildred Plunk, Merle Grady, Blanche Purcell, Ora Heath, Bessie McDonald, Jessie Mitchell, Della Mitchell Fox, Lois Johnson, Pearl Furnish, Treva Grove White.

Grace Wright, Lena Wrench Roberts, Merle Flanigan, Claudia Henry Capps, Mayme Hughes Mullin, Minnie Perry Deland, Nellie Rankin Barker.

LIST OF BOYS

Earl Deland, Roy Cline, Roy Williams, Thomas Flanigan, John Hughes, Patsy Hughes, Carl Mitchell, Charles Sawyer, Ed. Bates, Leonard Luscaleet, William Bradley, Charles Cox, Newton Luscaleet, Luther C. Cox, James Hickman.

Clint Vinson, Harley Deland, Wilbur Primmer, Clark Blacker, George Jones, George Furnish, Lewis Furnish, Robert Mullin, Eddie Wishall, Harry Fell, Frank Unangst, Thomas Mullen, Oscar Furnish, Cahrles McBride, Walter Wrench.

Corria Cline, Jesse Williams, Clark Flanigan, Harry Hart, Arthur Fosnaugh, James Hart, William Bates, Ward Deland, Claud Flanigan, Fred Bensyl, Fred Bacherd, Errie Furnish, Roy Rankin, Homer Wrench, Claude Morris.

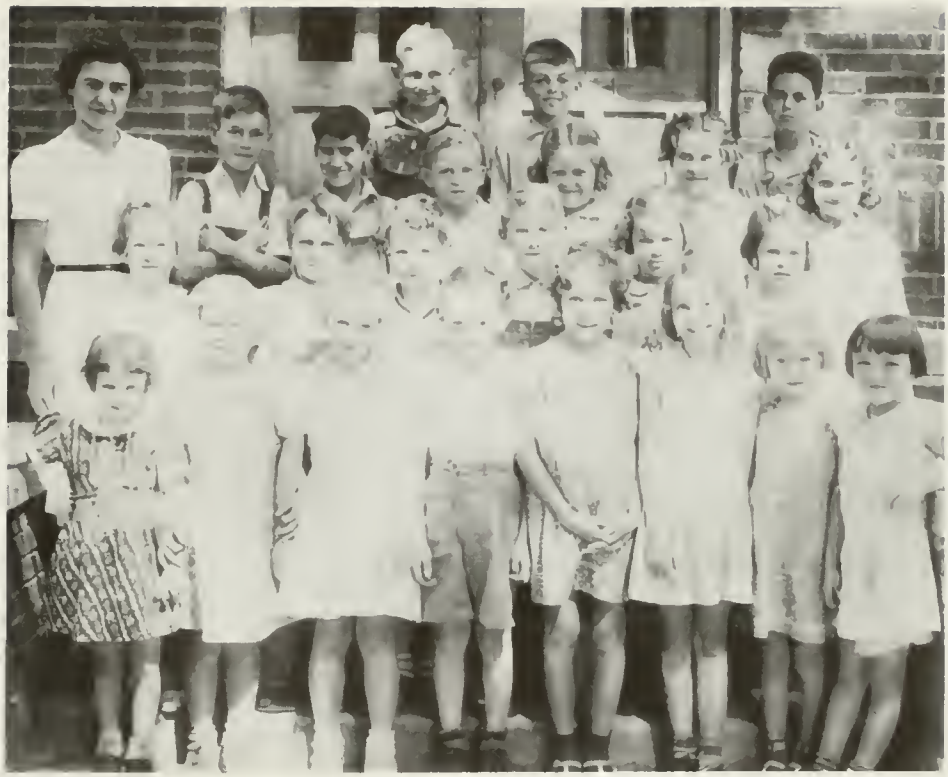
Harley Hickman, Jess Cox, Fred Cox, William Hickman, Arthur McDonald, Seymour White, Thomas Hughes, Benjamin Mitchell, Henry Mitchell, Clarence Mitchell, Fred Dwing, Carl Dewing, Homer Foraker, Lewis Spenser, William Spenser.

Ralph Bushee, Ona Cline, Calvin Cade, William Mitchell, Harley Fosnaugh, William Fosnaugh, James Heath, Arthur Heath, Lester Nickel, Chester Rankin, Glenn Deland, Clarence Hughes, Verne Purcell, Mell Campbell, Grant Olson.

Mell White, Arlie Alexander, Jack Luscaleet, Harry Groves, John Kirkpatrick, Webster Plimpton, William Mitchell, Clater Mitchell, William Coyle, Alva McDaniels, Frank Wrench, George Hickman, Harry Plunk, Arthur Bradley, Charles Bradley

The weather was beautiful and about three hundred attended. We do not know of any attempt to have another reunion.

Lalla Hosler



FIRST, Second, Third and Fourth grades of White Heath School 1938-1939. Back Row: Lloyd Unangst, Porter Heath (deceased), ...Robinson. 3rd row: Mrs. Harshbarger, teacher; Curtis Tabor, Roy Phillips, Ronnie Unangst, Marilyn Mitchell Hayes, Mary Bernice Alexander Griffet, Bessie Phillips Nichols. 2nd row: Deborah Dobbins, Bobby Head, Wesley Tabor, Charles York (deceased) Betty Vinson Hayes, Melissa Dobbins Chambers. 1st row:..... Robinson, Audrey Vinson Reynolds, Phyllis Alexander Perkins, Morris Valentine, Maxine Mitchell Barnhard, Barbara Richard Ellis, Nola Mitchell Milton, Romana Valentine.

FIRST, Second, Third and Fourth Grades of White Heath School 1941-1942. Back row, left to right: Joyce Koss Ashworth, Audrey Vinson Reynolds, Deborah Dobbins, Phyllis Alexander Perkins, Richard Spurling, ... Dunn, Juanita Beard Alexander, Teacher; Martha Hurley. 2nd row: Myra Primmer, Edith York Smith, Lee Ila Walden Early, Nola Mitchell Milton, Ellen Rose Hurley, Betty Chumbley, Mary Hurley. Front row: Richard Heath, Wayne Alexander, Leslie Skeels, Leonard Spursling, Ross Mitchell, Chris Koss, John Claxton.

Jack Wood, Ruth Mitchell, Dorothy Grove, Leta Cobb, Mrs. Harshbarger, Betty Cobb, Leland Lanier, Bill Lyon. Front row: Marian York, Martha Ann Heath, Iona Vermillion, Hubert Hickman, John Flanigan, Sandy Vinson, Ellen Lyons.

White Heath School, May Pole Dance 1914. Left to right: Hazel Plunk, Eda Whitly, Edna Freeman, Edna Vinson, Wilma Furnish, Alpha Whitly, Helen Teats, Susie Votrain, Julia Berry, Jean Scott, Frances Scott, Ethel Alexander.

Bradford (Brad) Bowdre. One of the favorite White Heath School Bus drivers.

Girl Scouting

Girl Scouting is relatively new in White Heath. About ten years ago, girls in second and third grades were given the opportunity to join the Brownies. Thus began Troop 246 Brownie Troop with eleven young ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Paul Lilly and her assistant Mrs. Gene Reynolds.

The original troop consisted of Pam and Dianna Humes; Diane Burke; Deb Harper; Debbie Reynolds; Dixie Kelly; Debby Rhoades; Karen Wood; Sue Lilly; Julie Olson; Gail Stanley.

Now Scouting offers opportunity for Brownie age girls whose troop is led by Mrs. Robert Kallembach who has nine girls in her troop. A girl scout troop led by Mrs. Don Rex, Mrs. Leland Lourash, and Mrs. Richard Harper, who have 24 active girls in the troop, and a Cadette troop in Monticello which several girls joined.

Scouting has given many girls the chance to perform services for others, to learn how to be a better citizen,as well as a learning experience, camping or some other Troop event. The girls have presented Senior Citizens with Fire buckets, with home made cookies, and have offered to serve as errand runners, to clean up yards, etc. They have gone camping, had cook-outs, gone swimming and skating to help the girls to earn badges.

To help finance their activities, the girls sell cookies annually.

Mrs Richard Harper (Assistant leader of Troop 426).

Girl Scout Troop 426 on bike hike with their leader, Mrs. YeVonne Cresap, adults to help: Louise Cresap and Judy Harper. They met at Lodge Park where Dave Hartsfield gave a talk on the parts and care of a bike. The girls rode to Buck's Pond for nature hike. On the way to White Heath, stopped to see the old Scout cabin, grist mill, and old cemetery. Those attending were left to right: Beth Harper, Louise Cresap, Kathy Hartsfield, Becky Norman, Rose Burton, Susan Cannon, Janis Rex, Lisa Mumm, Tammy Cresap, Melinda Kallembach, Penny Day, Robin Rudisill, Cheryl Rudisill, Linda Lilly, Kathy Lourash, Judy Harper, YeVonne Cresap (leader), Kim Vaughn, Diana Pontious, and Paula Branch.

I HAD THREE NAMES IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

Helen Taylor was one of twelve children born to Enos Taylor and his wife. When his wife died, the children had to live with other families and Helen was taken to raise in 1904 by the George Teats family. She was four years old at that time.

Helen lived with the Teats family until 1916 when she was to be married to Charles Wright. The George Teats had never adopted her. But when she was to get married they decided to adopt her just forty-eight hours before she was married.

So within the forty-eight hours her name was changed from: Helen Taylor to Helen Teats and them to Mrs. Charles Wright.

Helen now lives in Monticello.

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THE DELAND FAMILY

Squire and Hannah (Butler) Deland. Squire was born on 19th of December 1788 and Hannah was born August 27, 1794.

Squire Deland pursued a common school education in Rutland, Vermont; then he entered upon his business career there as a Wagon maker. He followed the trade until he left Vermont in the fall of 1837 to live in Union County Ohio. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and purchased a farm of 120 acres which he operated until his death on the 22nd of April, 1858.

He married Hannah Butler on December 14, 1809. To them nine children were born: Amy M., Harrieta, Lucy M., Mariette, James, Charles, Edward, Hannah, and George.

James Deland, born August 31, 1821, was married to Emily Abbott. He came to Sangamon Township Illinois in 1872. Mr. Deland and Col. Thomas Snell received a contract to build a railroad from a junction on the Monticello rail road to Havana.

On March 15, 1872 Mr. Deland bought 160 acres of land where White Heath is today. For the next seven or eight years almost everything done in White Heath was directly or indirectly connected with James Deland. The Village of Deland was named for James.

George Deland was born in Ritland, Vermont October 19, 1832. In one of the old schoolhouses in Ohio seated with slab benches and supplied with other primitive furnishings George pursued his education through three months of the winter term. In the summer he worked with his father on the farm until he had attained his majority. He also taught school for three winter seasons.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Ellen A. Converse November 3, 1853. She was the daughter of Darius and Lois M. Smith Converse.

Mr. and Mrs. Deland rented a farm near Plain City, Ohio where they lived for about seven years. He then turned his attention to merchandising in Churchery, Union County Ohio in 1860 until the Civil War. He enlisted on the 16th of August 1862. He participated in the battle of Champion Hill and Perryville on the 8th of October 1862, the Battle of Chickamaugo September 2, 1863, Look Out Mountain November 20, 1863, and the battle of Kenesaw Mountain on June 22, 1864. In the battle at Chickamuga he was wounded and for two months lay in the hospital. Then he returned to participate in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain and was wounded again. He was discharged on the 24th of February 1865. He was on crutches but ultimately he obtained a position in a railroad office at Union City, Indiana. He worked at this job for two years. After that he rented a tract of land near Union City where he resided until 1881 when he came to White Heath, Illinois. Here he erected a store building and stocked it with a general line of goods carrying on the business for two years. His store was destroyed by fire, after which he purchased two blocks of ground in 1885 and began raising small fruit. In addition he carried the mail on the rural route in White Heath.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Deland five children were born: Linda born June 1855, died October 17, 1859; Ernest who was born February 2, 1857 was married to Mary E. Alexander, died August 7, 1896; Edward R. born March 5, 1862 was married August 10, 1883 to Etta Teats; Lola M. born June 9, 1867, she married B. R. White; Earl born May 8, 1878 was married February 23, 1901 to Minnie Perry.

Mrs. Mary E. DeLand

Ernest Deland came to White Heath with his father in 1881. He was married to Mary E. Alexander. They had eight children: Harley, Elma, Effie, Harry, Vira, and Glen.

During the early 80's Ernest opened up a store on the railroad property. He purchased some of this land in 1883. His daughter Vira who married Ed. Scott still makes her home in White Heath.

Edward Deland, brother of Ernest, worked for the railroad and broke his arm serving as a brakeman. Because of the accident he was given a lifetime job with the railroad. He became station agent at White Heath. He held this position for several years.

Votrain Family
Mrs. and Mr. Leon Votrain, Susie Seymour, Bonnie Greathouse, Lalla Hostler, Fern Smith, Olive Seymour.

NOBLE PORTER HEATH II

Noble Porter Heath II was born on August 3, 1875, the third child and first son of Noble Porter Heath I who was born in Ross County Ohio in 1839 and came to Piatt County Illinois in 1840.

His mother, Elizabeth Hevel was born in 1836 in what was then a settlement known as Charleston. Mrs. Hevel was previously married and after her husband and only two children as well as her parents died in an epidemic, she moved to Centerville where she taught school for several years.

Heath's paternal grandfather, David Heath, moved to Piatt County several families from pickaway and Ross Counties Ohio because of the rich farmland.

David Heath returned to Ohio the following winter after settling in Piatt to collect notes from the sale of his estate. He never returned.

The family suspected that he had met with foul play. They were told later by a stranger passing through that David Heath had died of pneumonia and that he had buried him with all the money he had in his possession.

Heath's father, a self-educated man, raised cattle and horses. When the railroad began making plans to come through Piatt County in the early 1870's, the land where White Heath now stands was owned by Frank White.

White had a disagreement with the railroad and did not want to sell his land for right of way outright to the company but did not want to hold up progress in the community.

He sold the land to Porter Heath I who in turn sold the right of way to the railroad. Hence the town of White Heath was named.

Heath I bought the land in 1870 for about 25 dollars per acre and built a large house in 1879. It burned to the ground in 1895 when a careless farmhand tossed a match into a cob basket.

The home now standing was built in 1896 on the same site.

The farm once had the largest barn in Piatt County. It was built in 1883 and was destroyed by fire in 1945.

Noble P. Heath II took over the farm after his father died. The livestock was sold and the operation was changed to a grain farm.

In 1902 Heath married Nell Ambrose of Champaign. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Heath Alexander Stutzenstein, now living in Decatur.

From 1910 to 1925, Heath operated a dairy farm than known as the Elms Dairy Farm. In 1911, his first wife died and he and his daughter moved in with his mother and sister, Lillian.

In 1926 he married Frances Scott, who died in 1930. The second marriage produced two children: Martha Ann and Porter Heath III.

Heath and his two children then made their home with his sister and her husband, George Haines.

In 1933 and 34 Heath worked at the Piatt County Farm Bureau with the wheat program. Following his sister's death in 1939, he married Mabel Smith of Monticello and again moved back to his home. Mabel died in 1947.

Heath was active in the Methodist Church of Monticello for many years. He taught Sunday School classes, was delegate to the Illinois Conference, was a charge lay leader for 10 years, served on the official board and board of trustees many years and held the office of treasurer for 25 years.

In 1962, he and his daughter and family were chosen by the Monticello Methodist Church "Family of the Year."

Heath was an active member of the White Heath Community Club. He helped in the construction of the present Club Building in 1944 and was a member of the band.

During World War II he was home service chairman for the American Red Cross Piatt County Chapter.

He was a member of the Monticello High School board of directors at the time of construction of the present building.

His hobby was binding books.

Until his death he had living with him besides his daughter and her husband and their daughters, Paula, Gail, Colleen and Teresa; his son's two children, Karen and Noble Porter Heath IV. His son Noble Porter Heath III and his wife died in 1959.

He had three other grandchildren: Richard Alexander, Noel Alexander, and Nell Beadles. He had eight great great grandchildren.

Noble Porter Heath II died October 24, 1968 age 93.

John McDowell White
Family History

John M. White, the first of the family to come to Piatt County, was born in Franklin county, Ohio, Jan. 27th, 1817. He was the sixth generation directly descending from Peregrin White who was born Nov. 20, 1620, on the Mayflower as it stood in Cape Cod Harbor.

In 1843 John M. White was married to Jane Huffman who died in 1845, leaving two children, Ophelia and Frank, who was owner of the land purchased for White Heath.

In 1849 John M. White married Rebecca H. Williams. Six children were born to this union; Benjamin R., Vincent I., Sara White Calef, John M. White and Mary (Mayme) White Williams.

In the fall of 1864, John M. White moved his family to Piatt County, Illinois. He purchased 280 acres in Sangamon Township. The home farm is now being operated by Ralph Manuel and Ruby White Manuel, a great grandaughter of John M. The Harry Perry family live on another part of the original farm, and Mr. Perry is a great grandson of John M. Lois and James Bell reside on another tract of the original farm. Lois is a great grandaughter. Eighty acres, farmed by Walter White and owned by Francis White, is also a portion of the acreage purchased in 1864. They, too, are great grandsons of John M. White.

Many great grandchildren and one grandchild live in the area who are grandchildren of Benjamin White.

Mrs. Eva Chapel, Monticello, Ill., is the youngest daughter of Vincent I. White and Lois Cain Bell, previously mentioned, is his grandaughter.

In memory of R. P. White, Sr.
By Treva White and Mr. & Mrs. R. P. White, Jr.

THE CLINE FAMILY

John and Letitia Cline were natives of Ohio, coming from Pickaway County, that state, to Illinois at an early day. They entered a claim from the government, thereby becoming the owner of a tract of land in Piatt County and in the course of years they improved about eight hundred acres. He aided largely in the progress of county and this section of the state acknowledged its indebtedness to him for the work which he performed in advancing civilization here. His death occurred on the 25th of March 1860 when he was living upon his farm two miles northeast of White Heath that is where White Heath now stands. His wife, born April 7, 1817, lived on the farm for many years after his death. She had six children to raise.

Jacob H. Cline was born in Sangamon Township August 25, 1851. He was the fifth child to be born to John and Letitia. When small he became a student in a little schoolhouse that stood where the White schoolhouse stood later about a half mile north of where White Heath is today. Later he attended the Hazel Del school. His education was somewhat limited for it was necessary that he should assist his mother. He was only nine years of age when his father died. He lived at home until nineteen years of age when he married and started a life of his own. It was on the 13th of February 1870 that he married Miss Josephine Knott, (the daughter of a Centerville doctor).

J. H. Cline's share of his father's estate was then under control of the second guardian, S. R. Reed, of Monticello.

Mr. Cline took his bride to his farm and continued its cultivation for two or three years. He then traded the property with his younger brother Ezra Cline and in the 2nd or 3rd transfer he came into possession of the home farm which he cultivated for two years. He then traded that property with John A. Flanagan and became the owner of 120 acres of land near White Heath. He erected a new house, built a barn, planted an orchard, and made other improvements.

Mr. Cline was born and raised a staunch Democrat. But he was converted to Republicanism before his 21st birthday. He was elected Supervisor in 1883. In 1906 he was elected County Treasurer.

He bought Mr. Charles Smith's store. Soon after gaining possession of the store he was appointed postmaster.

Mr. Cline combined the Post Office and store which was largely a grocery with a small line of drygoods and shoes. He was always a very congenial man. Frank Wrench stated he could never understand how Mr. Cline could be so patient with the stream of school children who came for the mail after each train came in. At that time they always had at least four mails each day.

Outside of politics he had few criticizers.

Mr. Cline became the owner of Smith's Hall over his store, and he remodeled it soon after by placing a stairway on the outside. After that it was labeled Cline's Hall.

Ona Cline, his son, organized Cline's band in 1895.

THE FURNISH FAMILY

Samuel Furnish was one of the oldest settlers of Piatt County. He was born in Kentucky in 1822 and was only two years old when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this locality. He made his home here until his death which occurred in 1869. He cleared and broke a large amount of land which was originally covered with heavy growth of timber and became the owner of considerable property though prior to his death he disposed of much of it, though he still retained about 160 acres. He was educated in an old log schooohouse such as is generally found in a pioneer settlement and in his younger days drove cattle from this county to New York City where prices were enough better to pay him for so doing. He married Miss Catherine Coon, a daughter of Henry and Ruth Clemens Coon, who were from Ohio. They had six children: James, John, George, William, Charles, and Frank.

John C. Furnish received a common school education beginning his studies in what was known as the Hughes schoolhouse which was a log structure with puncheon floors, slab seats and a desk made by placing boards on wooden pins driven into the wall. During the early residence of the family in this state, deer were known to have eaten salt out of the troughs his father had fixed for the cattle and horses and all kinds of wild game were then abundent. He aided his father in the cultivation of the farm. After his father died he worked out for one season. Then he returned home and took charge of the farm until the estate was settled. It was noted that he raised melons. He would plant 10 to 12 acres of melons. He really made White Heath famous for its good melons.

On April 30, 1874 Mr. Furnish was married to Miss Cynthia Blacker, a daughter of Guston and Ann Blacker. To this union eleven children were born: George, Frank, Lewis, Oscar, Errie, Ollie, Stella, Lola, Pearl, and Wilma. One child died in infancy.

THE TIPPETT FAMILY

Cumberland Tippett's birth occurred in Licking County Ohio about the year 1834. He was a merchant and also devoted some time to farming and to preaching the gospel as a local minister.

He became an early settler of White Heath and his influence for good was widely felt. In his ministerial capacity he was called upon to perform the marriage ceremony of many couples in Piatt and adjoining counties. He was ever the friend of progress, reform and improvement, and his influence was ever given on the side of right and justice. His death was occasioned by accident on October 2, 1875 at which time he fell from an apple tree. Mr. Tippett had two children: Florence M., and James C.

Florence became a doctor. She was married to Dr. B.C. Duvall.

James C. Tippitt was reared and educated at White Heath. He went to the University of Illinois in Urbana and then returned to his home and engaged in farming and stock raising, making a specialty of feeding hogs and cattle. He continued farming until May 1900 when he was nominated on the Republican ticket to the office of Circuit Clerk and was elected the following fall.

On the 5th of October 1898 occurred the marriage of Mr. Tippitt and Mattie Jamison. Mr. Tippitt became interested in the newspaper business, and became publisher of a Monticello paper. His son, Darrell Tippitt, followed into the newspaper business and owned the Piatt County Republican until he sold it. After which he was Managing Editor of the newspaper Piatt County Journal-Republican. He just recently retired from the paper and has a state job.

Charles Mitchell Family
Charles, Ada, Carl, Floss, Jesse, and Reg.

Carl V. Mitchell family
Tessie, Lynn, George, Ross, Glenn.

THE FISHER FAMILY

John Fisher, a native of Frederick County Virginia, was born on the 9th day of August 1808. He obtained a common school education in the old Doninion. In 1836 he was united in marriage to Miss Cline and in 1839 they moved to Piatt County Illinois. This being then a frontier region in which the work of progress and improvement had been scarcely begun. For miles stretched the wild prairie unclaimed and unimproved. Mr. Fisher took up his abode upon a tract of land and developed a farm which continued to be his home for fourteen years. In the early days he and his family endured many hardships and trials incident to pioneer life. He broke the prairie with one of the old-time plows, driving an oxen team. He raised wheat and corn for market. He hauled his wheat to Chicago for there was only one other flour mill, and this was in Springfield, but prices were better in Chicago. He first made the trip with oxen teams and later by horse teams. His wheat sold for thirty-seven and a half cents per bushel, while pork brought one dollar and fifty cents per hundred weight. He harvested his wheat and corn with a sickle and shocked it all by hand. The home was a log cabin. After a few years Mr. Fisher purchased a farm of 340 acres on which he resided until his death April 11, 1863. His wife died on May 11, 1849 at the advanced age of 83. Their children were: Jacob, George W., Mary Ann, John, Martha, Sarah Malissa, Hiram, David, James, Serelda C., Margaret and Ezra.

Jacob Fisher received his education in the public school system of Piatt County. He gained his lessons sitting upon a slab bench in a log schoolhouse and wrote exercises upon a plank desk. There were puncheon floors and old fashioned fireplaces.

Mr. Fisher worked upon his father's farm and attended school when he could. He was the eldest of twelve children so he was needed to help on the farm so his educational privileges were, therefore, limited.

He was married to Mary Ann Morse, a daughter of Henry Morse, of Mahomet. At the time of his marriage Mr. Fisher began farming upon his father's land and thus engaged until two years after his father's death. He then purchased land of his own, a part of the Cline tract, and continued farming until 1898 when he rented the place and moved to White Heath. Around 1901 he sold his farm to William Alexander and purchase a house and a half block of land in the Village.

THE FOSNAUGH FAMILY

Ezra and Eliza Bushee Fosnaugh were natives of Fairfield County Ohio and in the year 1856 came to Illinois. They journeyed westward by wagon to Macoupin County where they remained one winter and then continued on their way to Piatt County. Here he carried on agricultural pursuits near where White Heath is today until his death, which occurred on the 1st of October 1873 when he was 50 years of age. He and his wife had eight children: Austin, Selina, Theodore, Elifus, Europe L., Dora Alice, Laura Belle, and Erwin.

Europe L. Fosnaugh pursued a common school education in the Prairie Dell School. His studies were pursued through the winter months while during the summer he worked with his father on the farm. He entered upon an independent business career as a farm hand, working for $18 per month. He continued in that way for about four years. He next rented a farm which he cultivated for a year. He then accepted a clerkship in his brother's store in Lane, Dewitt County where he remained for three years. Then he rented a farm for one season and then embarked in business for himself as a proprietor of a pool and billard hall in Tolono, Illinois. He conducted it for three years and on selling it took charge of his brother's store in Lane. There continuing as a merchant for 15 years, when he purchased the store in White Heath. He carried a large and well selected line of dry goods, boots, shoes, and groceries. He also rented and conducted a hotel in White Heath.

On the 23rd of March 1874 Eruope married Miss Ida J. Graham. To this union six children were born: Harlie, Garah, Grace Jane, Lucile, William, and Leota.

THE TEATS FAMILY

Mathias and Mary Puffinbarger Teats. He was a native of Ross County Ohio, born August 11, 1818 and was a shoemaker. He married in Ross County Ohio in 1840 and in 1856 he moved with his family to Piatt County Illinois taking up his abode upon a farm near the land where White Heath was later built. The farm was where the Camp Creek Cemetery is today. Unto him and his wife were born five children: Maria Louisa, Mary Elizabeth, Caroline Marian, Jane, and George W.

George W. Teats was born in Adelphi, Ross County Ohio on the 30th day of August 1854 and came to Sangamon Township Illinois with his parents in 1856. He was educated in the common school, attended Camp Creek School through the winter months and worked upon his father's farm in the summer.

George W. continued with his father until October 29, 1886 when he was united in marriage to Miss Barbara E. Trotter, a daughter of Hiram and Lydia Maria Allman Trotter, of Champaign County. Mr. and Mrs. Teats had a daughter, Lydia, who was born January 16, 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. Teats began their domestic life upon the Plunk farm which he rented for two years and afterwards rented the Jehu Trotter farm which was their home for the same length of time. They moved to Nebraska but only lived there one season then returned to Piatt County. Mr. Teats purchased of W. P. Smith 30 acres of land in Sangamon Township. He operated it for several years. He then moved to White Heath where he engaged in the livery business and in carpentering for 4 years. He purchased 10 acres of land within the town limits and in September 1902 bought 9 acres upon which he raised fruits, including pears of all kinds and also peaches, plums and cherries. He made a specialty of strawberries and blackberries. He and his family lived in a nice home only a short distance from the center of White Heath.

Nora Hickman

THE HICKMAN FAMILY

William Hickman came to White Heath in 1855 with his wife and nine children and lived there until his death in 1880. One son was killed in the civil war. The other children were: Elizabeth, Louisa, Maraia, Susan, Martha, Emma, John, and Harvey.

Harvey married Maria Teats and they had ten children: Franklin, Maggie, Elizabeth, Mary, Jennice, Charles, Sarah, George, James and William.

William married Nora Sprinkle and had three children: Irvin, Roscoe, and Opel.

Irvin married Margaret Pyle and had one son: Hubert.

Roscoe married Florence Pitson and had one daughter: Juanita.

Opel married Roy Vermillion and had two children: Roscoe and Iona.

Hubert, son of Irvin, married Stella Cody and had two children: Sheila and Pamela.

There has been four generations graduated from the White Heath School. Irvin served for several years as Town Clerk of Sangamon Township, and also school board member. Hubert is now serving as school board member.

THE BUSHEE FAMILY

Jacob and Elizabeth Gettings Bushee were natives of Pennsylvania. He was born in 1787. They moved to Ohio where he engaged in farming until his death. They had seven children.

Jesse Bushee, son of Jacob, was born in Fairfield County Ohio on the 11th of September 1840. He spent the first 16 years of his life in Fairfield County until his mother's death in 1852. His education was acquired in the local school. His school of learning was a log structure with puncheon floor, slab benches, and was greased paper windows. On starting out in his life for himself, he worked as a farm hand by the month until 1856 when he decided to come to Illinois, and by team journeyed with his brother-in-law, Ezra Fosnaugh, across the country to Macoupin County. It required about six weeks to make the trip. There Mr. Bushee engaged in splitting rails for about six months and then came to Piatt County, where he worked on a farm until the Civil War. He enlisted for three months. After five months in the Army he returned home and rented a part of the George Boyer farm which he operated until August 13, 1862 when he entered the army again.

He was in the March from Glasgow, Kentucky through Ohio and Indiana to Ironton where they captured General Morgan and his army.

Mr. Bushee was taken ill at Atlanta and sent to the hopsital at Marietta, Georgia. On his recovery he was granted a furlough and returned home. Later he rejoined his regiment and was in all of the engagements from Atlanta to Resaca, the battle of Buzzard Roost, Kenesaw Mountain and many others. He was mustered out at the close of the war in the spring of 1865.

After his return home Mr. Bushee resumed farming on Benjamin F. Cressip's place. But shortly after his marriage in 1866 he moved to the Jehu Trotter farm where he spent two years. For one year he made his home in Champaign County then returned to Piatt County operating the Charles Smith farm for two years. He next farmed on property adjoining White Heath on a farm owned by the firm of White and Heath. He remained there until 1890. He then bought a nice little home in the Village and 3½ acres of land at the edge of town.

On the 2nd of September 1866 Mr. Bushee was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Jane Teats. She was a sister of George W. Teats of White Heath. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bushee were born five children: Mary Elizabeth, Carrie J., Jessie, Estella, and Ralph W.

Ralph W. Bushee later became a dentist.

James Clinton Vinson

Bess White Vinson

Wh. James Clinton Vinson

First Community Club President; wife, Bess White Vinson.

James "Clint" Vinson was born March 6, 1876 in White Heath. He was the son of Urias and Eliza Roland Vinson, two of the early pioneer Piatt County settlers. His parents coming here from Delaware in 1847.

For many years "Clint" farmed the family farm north of White Heath. On June 9, 1918 he married Bess White, who was born April 23, 1880 in Seymour, the daughter of Benjamin and Sara Seymour White, also two prominent Piatt and Champaign County pioneer families. The couple had an infant daughter, Mary Ann, who died at birth.

Mr. Vinson was an active civic leader in the community. He became the first president of the White Heath Community Club when the club organized in 1944. He also served as a Justice of the Peace for Sangamon Township, an active Democrat for many years. "Clint" devoted much of his retirement working for community betterment.

His wife, Bess White Vinson, was also an active member of the White Heath Community Club as well as the Allerton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Both were members of the Royal Neighbors of America Fern Camp 145. Mr. Vinson was one of the Modern Woodman.

Mr. Vinson died July 7, 1957 and Mrs. Vinson October 7, 1966.

Wedding picture 1909
Mr. and Mrs. Park Blacker

Park Blacker, son of F.D. Blacker and Melissa Honselman Blacker, and Flossie Mitchell, daughter of Charles R. and Ada Heath Mithcell, were married Feb. 24th, 1909 in Springfield, Ill. by Rev. O.O. Inman, a former pastor of the U.B. Church in White Heath. They spent their early married life in the New York School district but moved in 1914 to their farm home near White Heath.

Their children are Mary Bradbury of Rochelle, Ill. and John Blacker of White Heath. A son Geo. Stanley Blacker died in 1924.

A grandson, Stanley L. Blacker, a student at E.I.U. Charleston, Ill., resides at White Heath.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Park E. Blacker.
By Mr. and Mrs. John Blacker

MRS. LOU BLACKER

Mrs. Lou Blacker was born Louisa Jane Lanier on February 22, 1869, daughter of John and Elizabeth Heflin Lanier of Versailles.

Following graduation from Versailles public schools Miss Lanier came to Lodge where she learned telegraphy from her brother Eugene.

After eight month training, she was assigned as an operator at Lodge station.

It was during this time, while corresponding with area stations, that Miss Lanier became acquainted with Joseph S. Blacker who was an operator at White Heath.

After they were married, the couple's first home was in Weldon. From there they went to Mason City, later to Monticello, and then to Lewistown where Blacker operated a variety store.

In May of 1939, Mr. and Mrs. Blacker and Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Blacker's sister, settled in White Heath.

Active in church work, Mrs. Blacker, Mrs. Betty Kelley and Mrs. James Hicks were instrumental in the organization of the old Christian Church of Monticello.

In the early 1940's, Lou, as she was known to her friends and Mrs. Dubson organized the first Community Club.

The annual homecoming, known as the "Chatauguas" in early days was begun by Mrs. Blacker's husband, who for many years was the master of ceremonies.

In 1943 Mr. and Mrs. Blacker celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. He died in 1958. The only son, Curtis Blacker lives in Norris City.

One granddaughter, Sally Lou Griffith, and a great granddaughter, Lisa, live in San Leandro, California.

Mrs. Lou Blacker died July 22, 1966 at the age of 96.

Perry Family

Stephen A. Perry and his wife, Lucinda, with their three small children, Minnie, Floyd and James, came to Illinois, from Virginia, in 1884, to make their home, and settled at DeLand, on the Bondurant farm. They farmed there until 1897, when they packed up their farming equipment, livestock, and household goods on a freight train, and moved to Leeper, Missouri, with the intention of buying a farm there. Arriving there, they found the relative of Mrs. Perry, who had moved there, to be suffering with some sort of ailment, chills, fever, etc.. and Mr. Perry decided that he didn't want to live in a climate that effected the health in that way, so he immediately returned to Leeper, without even unpacking his equipment, household goods, etc., and returned to DeLand, to the same farm he had been living on. They stayed on that farm for a year or two, and then moved to the McCann farm southeast of White Heath. They farmed this farm until 1910, when they again packed up their goods, household material, etc., and again moved to Missouri, (this time to DeSoto) where they bought a farm and made their home until 1917, when again they moved back to Illinois, living for a while in a house in White Heath, and then to the Alexander farm, for a year or two, until they bought a small farm, near White Heath. By this time they were too old to do much farming, and having their family raised, decided it was time to take it a little easy.

They lived on this little farm for several years, and then decided to move once more, this time to a small farm on Camp Creek, where they cleared the land and, with the help of their son, Walter, built a house, a barn, etc., and here they remained until their deaths in 1942. Mr. Perry died in November of 1942, and Mrs. Perry in December of that same year, just six weeks after her husband had passed away, he being 88 years old and she 89. They were exceedingly honest and honorable, a hard working, Christian couple. They are buried in the cemetery at DeLand, on the large lot given to them by Mr. Bondurant when they lost a small son in infancy, while they were living near DeLand.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry were the parents of eight children, Mrs. Minnie (Perry) DeLand, wife of Earl E. DeLand; Floyd; James; Mrs. Pearl (Perry) Vivrett, wife of George Vivrett; Jake; George; Walter; and a son who died in infancy while they lived at DeLand. The only survivors are George and Walter. With the exception of Pearl, the children all spent most of their lives in and around Monticello and White Heath. Pearl was a resident of DeSoto, Mo.

GEORGE AND LILLIAN HAINES, JR.

George who married Lillian Heath, a daughter of one of our founders Noble Porter Heath I, lived a mile south from the east end of our village. Everyone who knew this couple will testify to their wonderful help to the church and community.

George was Supervisor of Sangamon Township for many years and held a fifty year pin for his work in the Red Cross Chapter of the community. He was a fire trustee ever since the fire department started in White Heath.

Lillian was devoted to devine worship and service. She was a friend to young people. She was earnest and sincere. We are sure there are many who knew her in the years before and after the church closed in White Heath and the membership moved to Monticello will never forget her. The White Heath Methodist Church was the old Camp Creek Church which was moved to White Heath — mentioned in another article in this book.

FRANK WRENCH

Frank was born north of White Heath on a farm. His father, William Wrench, and mother, Louisa Jane Mounce Wrench, had eleven children, eight boys and three girls.

Frank was a teacher in Piatt County and was county superintendent of schools for a number of years.

Without Frank's help in giving much of the history of our little village, we, the committee, feel this book would not have come into being.

The committee wishes to give Frank a big thank you for his help.

In memory of our brother, George C. Haines, Jr.
By Verta Barber, Bertha Sievers,
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelly and Chester Haines

A. J. Flanigan, Jean Flanigan and grandson, Greg.

Jean Scott, youngest daughter of Lee and Eva Harmon Scott was born August 10, 1902 near White Heath. After the death of her mother in February 1906 she went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Blacker. She attended school at Slabtown until 1913 when the Blackers moved to White Heath and she attended school there and finished high school at Monticello.

Albert Flanigan (better known as "Ab") youngest son of Frank and Laura Whitefoot Flanigan was born September 6, 1895 near White Heath. He attended Prairie Dell and later White Heath school. He served in World War I and spent six months overseas.

On November 20, 1920 Jean and "Ab" were married at Hoopeston, Illinois by Rev. A. S. Flanigan, an uncle of Mr. Flanigan. The lived in White Heath and ran a garage for several years, then added a hardward store and implement business and later a grocery.

Six sons and one daughter were born to them with five sons still living. The three oldest sons were born at White Heath. They are: Charles of Decatur, Ill.; John of Toronto, Canada; Andrew of Fresno, Calif; Philip of Denver, Colo.; and William of Allentown, Pa. There are sixteen grandchildren.

In 1935 they sold out and moved to Tuscola, Illinois and were in the implement business for a number of years.

The are semi-retired and spend much of their time traveling and visiting their children.

NAMED TOWN

N. P. Heath, the Father of Noble Heath we all knew, was known as Porter Heath and was the one who named half the town. He never lived in White Heath but he was less than a mile away. You can hardly find a general news item from White Heath without something being said about Porter Heath.

Mr. Heath and Mr. Teats and Mr. McCann were strong supporters of Camp Creek Church which was located a mile south of White Heath.

Frank and Laura Flanigan
1920

Clyde Oates and daughter Donna.

Clyde went to White Heath on November 1942 and worked as and agent and operater until August 1943. Left here to go to service in August 1943 to January 1946. He moved back March 1946; was agent until February 1969. At this time they closed depot.

Pontious Family

Mr. and Mrs. Pontious and family moved to the White Heath Community in August 1968 when they bought the George Haines Farm. They have a son Richard who is serving in the air force, Bill, who attends Monticello High School, and twins Dennis and Diana, in 6th grade at White Heath.

The family raise strawberries. They also have an Apiary, and are planning to sell Christmas trees in a few years. They are an ambitious family as you can see, and we wish them success in all their endeavors.

Four generations: Joe Bensyl, Myrtle Bensyl Wilkey, Ruth Wilkey Beebe, Ruth Ann Beebe.

Homer Wrench, Jim Hickman, Frank Unangst.

Lela Luscaleet, Mrs. Koss, Rachel Vance, Flossie Blacker, May Bell, Rachel Cox, Lalla Hosler, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Eva Perry, B. Tabor.

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HAILSTORM STRIKES WHITE HEATH
March 21, 1966

A brief afternoon hailstorm struck White Heath Monday causing several thousand dollars damage to almost every house in the town.

"It started with a hugh black cloud in the south and was preceded by a thunderstorm," said Glen Harper, manager of the elevator which received the most damage.

The storm, which marred the first day of spring, caused damage to roofs on all but four houses in the community of 210, according to Harper. There are about 40 houses in White Heath.

Damage estimate at the grain elevator was more than $2,000.

The storm struck at 1:30 p.m. and lasted about twenty minutes, dropping stones reported to be larger than an inch in diameter.

Harper said electricity went out during the thunderstorm at 1:05 p.m., but it was restored in a short time.

Everyone in the community was wondering what hit them when the storm struck. Harper said, "I didn't realize so much damage could be done in that short time."

Harper said the storm began about a half mile southwest of White Heath, struck White Heath and headed into the Seymour area. No damage was reported there.

The hail fell perpendicular to the ground. "That's why there was so much damage to roofs." Thank goodness there was little wind so most of the windows were spared.

Harper said every building at the elevator was damaged as was his nearby home.

The Old Homestead Antique shop here was another business which was heavily damaged by the hail.

THE BIG STORM OF 1904

On March 24, 1904 began as a typical spring day. The wind increased as the day grew warmer. Soon after dusk the wind began to subside and signs of rain began to appear in west.

About 8 p.m. there was a noise as of many trains. The noise lasted less than a minute, then all you could hear was the sound of falling rain. People went to their doors and as there were no street lights, nothing could be seen. When daylight came we may quote the poet and say that, "They looked upon a world unknown."

Let us read it as it was reported by the papers at that time.

"The village of White Heath was visited by a tornado at 8:45 P.M., last Thursday night which did emmense damage, and was the most serious storm that every visited our County.

The storm was first felt at John Heath's farm along the Illinois Central track south west of town. It next struck the fine new elevator, belonging to the Murray Grain Co. whose great height was a splended mark for its power. The building was broken off just about the dump, and fell to the North away from the tracks and on a space on which fortunely there were no building. The elevator was broken and crushed. There was no grain in the elevator as it had not been built long.

The William's Hotel was blown to ruins, and here again good fortune reigned for the hotel had no occupants. The Universalist Church, one block north of the depot next received the force of the storm and was totally demolished. Aside from the roof, no two pieces were joined togather or so it seemed.

The Methodist Church east of the depot, had its roof completely removed and the debris from the east and west sides of the roof fell on either side of Esq. Deland's residence with out doing it injury, although a piece of rafter penetrated a post in the yard, another case of good fortune.

Deland's store was moved off its base and other buildings were unroofed and barns and out buildings wrecked but the residences in general were only slightly touched. Several were removed from their foundation.

The storm followed the railroad and moved and nearly wrecked the Teat's home occupied by the Reason Combs recently returning from Iowa. The family at once left the house by the windows as the doors could not be opened, and spent the night in town.

H. L. Timmon's farm near the railroad was severlly visited, injury to the house, barn and crib amounting to several hunderd dollars. On the Fisher and Caldwell farms some damage was done but this seemed to be the limit of the storm damage.

The loss in dollars is not known but it must be very high. There was but little tornado insurance in the town. Both Churches are said to have such clauses in their policies but the elevator did not.

Mr. Murray has already begun to clear away for another elevator and the other buildings will be rebuilt, or most of them will"

God must have looked after the people in White Heat that night. Although there was hardly a house in town that was no damaged and many of the smaller outbuildings were completely demolished, not a single person received an injury, and the storm was so unexpected and was of short duration, no one had time to get scared.

But the young village like a young person soon recovered from its adversity. The debris was removed from the streets. The damaged dwelling houses were repaired. The two Churches were restored and made more serviceable. The elevator was replaced. White Heath had passed its 31st birthday.

Looking Back

Cora Curtis

In 1888 — I was six years old

There were no Airplanes, no automobiles. No Electricy, no gas, no phones, no Funeral Homes. People got sick and died at home and had funerals at home. No imbalming, no Hospitals, Kerosene Street lights to be lighted every nite. Board sidewalks, no paving of roads or streets. Sprinkled streets in City with water-wagons. No restaurants, cooked all foods and pastrys at home. Everybody burnt coal, wood and cobs in coal heaters and kitchen ranges.

No washmachines, rubbed clothes on washboard...No bathrooms, all outside toilets. Water in yard pump. No linoleun on floors, Horse-drawn Street cars.

Sewed carpet rags and had them woven in carpets. No moving pictures. Just well-to-does sent children to H,igh School. School teachers go $35.00 a month for teaching. No married women worked away from home, no married women could teach school.

No nursing homes. People took care of their old folks in their home.

Everybody ground their coffee and boiled it in tin coffee pots. No alumon-ware kitchen utencels; just tin and iron. Het irons on stoves to iron clothes.

Babies nursed their mother's breasts, no women smoked. All wore hats, slippers in summer and high buttoned shoes in winter. Mothers knit mittens, sox, scarfs, and such and stockings for winter.

I remember board side walks in Champaign.

Women never wore men's clothes. Dresses to ankles or lower. No bobbed hair, no lawn mowers, used cythes. No mail R.R. deliveries till 1903.

No washing powders, (bar soap and lye) (no) bathtowels or wash rags. No ready made dresses till about 1916. No oleomargerin, no shortening but lard or butter. No. T.V.'s, Radios, Refrigerators. No women alowed in Taverns, (saloon, then).

In 1972 — The United States Made their 5th landing on the moon.

White Heath

Centennial

1872 to 1972

Carl Buckley, Our Postmaster

John Blacker

OUR POSTMEN

Postmaster Carl Buckley and rural mail carrier John Blacker are pictured in front of the White Heath Post Office. Since Blacker's appointment to the mail carrier position on June 6, 1949, his route has grown from 25 to an 80 mile length. Since 1964, he has also delivered mail out of the Mansfield Post Office. For several years Mr. Blacker had the distinction of serving the longest mail route in the United States. Several of his present mail patrons are the children and grandchildren of the people he started with in 1949. In addition, he has also delivered some very important letters to many famous beings such as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. Mr. Blacker and Mr. Buckley always greet people with a cheery smile, no matter the time or the weather. Buckley, who is a very avid fisherman, is always glad to offer fishing tips as well as assistance in mailing.

Two of the many "letters to Santa" delivered by John Blacker over the years are reprinted here:.

Dec. 1971

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you please bring me a Rumbler Set, Michigan Shovel, Army Transport, Ding-a Ling, A Marshal Trail Hunter, Talking Projector, Instant Replay, Hot Line Thunder Run, SSP Car, Micky Mouse Little Big Wheel.

Carrie Kallembach

Dec. 1971

Dear Santa,

I Love you. And I want a gun for Christmas And a boat. And a cowboy and his horse.

Love Danny Miner

A Letter Published in Republican

White Heath, Illinois
September 14, 1874

Editor Republican:

Our Literary Society disbanded last spring by mutual consent until the first of Sept., is again in full blast.

The side track under supervision of Oscar Loy is rapidly approaching completion.

Weaver and Converse are buying all kinds of grain. They have an extensive lumber yard and are selling considerable lumber.

Nelson Reid, our efficient school treasurer will soon erect a new barn.

Wm. McCann recently started for Kansas. He left home early in the morning, came to the depot, gave up the notion and returned home in time for dinner, a wiser man.

James Webster has sold his store to F. Watrons and F. M. Peel and they will sell groceries, drugs, fancy articles and Mr. Watrons will be the New Postmaster.

The sectional strife between this place and the former Capital over the school election has subsided.

Vin Williams is still selling goods at a reduced price and defies competition.

Charley Smith, the eminent, must be amassing a fortune, a friend heard him say recently that White Heath would soon be able to start a first National Bank.

Dr. J. M. Henrie, who consults the misses and has immortalized his name in poetic strains, is building a new office.

Frank Harville and Wm. Luscaleet our well known notorious well diggers are engaged in cleaning a well for Dr. Unganst.

N. P. Heath engaging now corn but we know not what he is paying and presume he contemplates feed for hogs and cattle.

Milton Curl talks of selling his property and moving to Missouri.

Vinson and Hickman, the world celebrities for raising watermelons have sold an unusual quantity of them this season.

The smiling blacksmith J. M. Ross is very busy.

Aaron Artman, Abe Coon and John Scott, who are building this town, are still anxious to extend their labor.

Harrison Wolf has bored 100 feet with his new auger and thinks his labor will be lost as there are no visible sign of a good well.

Bishop M. Teats is one of our happiest citizens, neither the daughter, grub worms, chintz bugs or hot weather disturbs the calm tranquility of his generous being.

Signed (R.W.C.)

The above probably mentions all business men in White Heath then, less than two years after the place was laid out.

MINNIE AND LOU

In their little green house across from the school they lived for many years
to all of their friends who knew them so well they were known as
MINNIE AND LOU
ON THEIR LITTLE FRONT PORCH, I can see them still as they watch the kids come and go
they were never too busy to chat awhile, our friends,
MINNIE AND LOU
Although up in their years, they were active still
T.V. didn't take all their time,
with P.T.A. and the Community Club,
they were happy all of the time

Our old friends are gone now
The little house too,
In its place is a vacant lot
But each time I pass there it seem I should see them
Our friends
MINNIE AND LOU

If I should live to attain their age
Two things I would hope to do
To live the good life and be as proud of it
As our dear friends
MINNIE AND LOU

By Jeanette Blacker

OPERATED HOTEL AND LIVERY STABLE

Milton Curl was a long resident of the village, he spent the last twenty years of his life running a hotel and livery stable in the village. He was Sunday School Superintendent of the United Brethren Church.

CLINE'S BAND

Cline's Band was organized in White Heath in 1875. The first members were: Otis Smith, J. C. Tippett, Cora Cline, B. E. Duhall, Harley Norris, E.A. Kincaid, Ona Cline (leader), Ed White, Frank O'Priest, Will Plunk, Noble Heath, Ed Hart, William Benson, Bert Bowdre, and Ed. Bates.

MUTIAL ORGANIZATIONS

During the mid 90's we found that many of the White Heath folk belonged to many Mutial Insurance Organizations.

In 1896 the Modern Woodman had many members. Officers of the lodge that year were: H. M. Curl V.C.; E. A. Kinkaid W.A.; C. A. McDaniel B.; E. R. Deland Cl.; B. R. White W.; James Foster E.; J. H. Luscaleet S.; and W. R. Bensen Manager.

In January 1898 The Modern Woodman organized its Auxiliary, The Royal Neighbors. Officers elected at the first meeting were: Emma White; Josie Cline; Barbara Teats; Amanda White; Etta Deland; Maude Hart; Hilda Rankin; Erma McDaniels; Ida Luscaleet; and Dr. Davis was the Physician and John Luscaleet was manager.

The Court of Honor was a mutial Company which included both men and women. We found a list of officers elected for one year: S. B. Ewing; Hilda Rankin; H.M. Curl; Rachel Wrench; Mary Deland; Lena Duvall; W. Williamson; Frank Hickman; Charles Mitchell and B. S. Barker M.D. Their first death claim was paid in 1903 upon the death of Joseph Welch.

In 1901 The Mutial Protective League was granted a Charter. They chose the following officers; Clint Vinson; Viola Gayle; Dr. B. L. Barker; Frances Bensyl; Frank Bochard; Nettie Bochard; William Coyle; Tom Flanigan; Melisa Foraker; and Frank Shaffer.

CARPENTERS

Artman, Coon, and Scott were Carpenters.

Women's Community Club 1944: Front Row: child, John Mitchell. Left to right 1st row: Ina Phillips, Margaret Hickman, Bessie Vinson, Bessie Furnish. 2nd row: Mary Smoot, Tessie Mitchell, Mrs. Clouser, Mrs. Peyton, Minie Dubson, Helen Mitchell, Mrs. Votrain. 3rd row: Mrs. Joe Blacker, Rachel Vance, Mrs. W. A. Dickason, Gladys Fisher.

CLUB BUILDING

Present Club Building erected in 1944.

In the early 1940's Lou Blacker and Mrs. Dubson, Lou's sister, organized the first community club in White Heath.

First meeting of the club was held in their home with Mrs. Grace Spencer as the first elected president.

Previously attended only by women, the men became interested in their work for the benefit of the community and soon whole families were joining the club.

Club membership began to grown until the present building was built in 1944 to accommodate all the members.

THE FRESH AIR KIDS

We should bear in mind that White Heath was one of the earliest communities to assist in social work which if carried on today would contribute toward the building of the GREAT SOCIETY that the government is so interested in today. As far as we can find out, Mrs. J. H. Cline was the instigator of the work in White Heath. She was assisted directly by Mrs. George Teats, Mrs. George Farley, and the Misses Estella Bushee, Bess McDonald and Vira Deland.

The idea behind the movement was to do something for the children of the slums of Chicago. Families in White Heath were solicited to accept one or two children from the streets of Chicago and take them into their homes and entertain them for a period of two weeks. The railroad was to assist in the plan by furnishing free transportation to and from Chicago.

The welfare society in Chicago selected the children. They were to come from the poorer families of Chicago and must have no criminal record. The children who came to White Heath were brought to the Illinois Central depot in Chicago early Monday morning. The railroad took charge of them until they were delivered to White Heath. They were placed in a coach properly chaperoned and were sent to their destination in White Heath at no cost.

On Monday, June 26, 1904, at about ten o'clock in the morning the railroad delivered 35 such children to the custody of Mrs. Cline. The group ranged in ages from nine to twelve and was composed of about half boys and half girls. Everyone of them was placed in a suitable family which had arranged ahead of time as to age and sex. For almost two weeks the children had the time of their lives, both the Fresh Air Kids as they were called and the children of White Heath with whom they played. It was a good experience for both groups.

On Saturday of the second week as scheduled, the fresh air kids were brought to the depot and turned over to the railroad which took them back to Chicago. Most of them were attired in new clothing and many tears were shed by both the entertainers and the entertained. The project was continued for several summers.

WATERMELON RAISERS

Vinson and Hickman, the watermelon raiser, lived a mile north of town. Mr. Vinson, father of Clint Vinson, never lived in White Heath but built a house in town. Mr. Hickman, father of Bill Hickman, never lived in town but his wife did move to town after his death.

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Homecoming August 1951. White Heath Community Club. Bess Vinson; Effie Branch; Mary Bassett; Margaret Hickman; Tessie Mitchell.

A QUILTING BEE — held in the home of Jean Flanigan. Mrs. Ada Mitchell, seated, deceased. Left to right: Belle Timmons, Deland; Mrs. Arlie (Nellie) Alexander, White Heath; Mrs. Frank (Ott) Dresback, deceased; Mrs. Henry (Nannie) Blacker, deceased; Mrs. Park (Floss) Blacker, deceased; Mrs. Ida Alexander Brady, deceased; Mrs. Douglas (Melissa) Blacker, deceased; Mrs. Jim (Rachel) Cox, deceased; Miss Stella Bushee, deceased.

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Cooking fried chicken in Iron Kettle. First supper held at Community Building. Left to right; Carl Mitchell, Ross Mitchell, Irvin Hickman, Joe Blacker.

Marcia Cresap's 6th Birthday Party August 3, 1949. Front: Robert Chumbley, Gary Walker, Ronnie Oates. 2nd Row: Jim Mitchell, Diane Vaughn Nolan, Marcia Cresap, Mary Ellen Kallembach Dean. Back Row: Pauline Mitchell Pearce, Sharon Vaughn Roberts, Sharon Cresap Hartsfield, Jeanette Blacker and Terry Cresap.

Joe Fisher

BUSINESS RIVALS

Mr. Vincent Williams opened a store in his mother's Hotel just a short time after James Webster opened his store. Mr. Williams didn't like competition and often put on sales to compete against the other merchants. On one occasion he put some prices so low that Mr. Peel, just across the street, had some friends to come and buy all of Mr. William's sale stock. This was used by Mr. Peel to stock his own shelves. Mr. Williams soon moved his store to Centerville.

Several years later he returned to White Heath and built a new store but he didn't stay long.

Mr. Peel was an interesting and jovial character. He was elected as a minority member of the Illinois State Legislature in 1886.

Some time after Mr. Peel started in business in White Heath his store was burglarized of considerable amount of merchandise that never was recovered. That caused him to have an irterrupted sleep. Almost every night about one a.m. you could hear 3 or 4 revolver shots. F. M. Peel, the neighbors said thinking some one was trying to rob him. He never hit anyone but that night shooting continued for over 40 years.

LUSCALEET HARDWARE

John Luscaleet,in the mid 90's, built a hardware store in Block 9 which burned in 1902.

ITEMS OF INTEREST THROUGH THE YEARS

1872

Plat for White Heath was filed for record on September 30. Auction for lots held October 10.

1873

One of the first to build a building was James Webster. Within four months he was appointed first Postmaster.

Mrs. Sarah Williams built the Junction House.

1874

First flag pole rasied in town.

Mr. James Webster sold his stock of goods to F. Watrons and F. N. Peel. Mr. Watrons was appointed Postmaster.

Weaver and Converse were grain buyers and had lumber business.

1875

White Heath tried to have a newspaper but they only got as far with it as a name, the Sangamon Herald.

Rev. Cumberland Tippett fell from an apple tree and died the next day.

Mr. Peel doubled the size of his store building.

Dr. Unangst built a shoe shop.

An article in the Republican stated that White Heath had two dry goods stores, one grocery store, one drug store, one lumber yard, one blacksmith shop connected with a wagon maker shop, one hotel, two eminent physicians, two grain buyers and one boarding house.

1876

Mr. Peel constructed a store on his lot and built a residence soon after.

Announcement in the Herald: We hereby agree on and after this date Feb. 17 1876 we will not prescribe Whiskey or other intoxicating liquors to any person, old or young unless under actual treatment for disease, and not then unless the condition of the Patient demands such a prescription. So take notice and do not ask unless you want to be refused. Signed — J. M. Henrie-W. B. Unangst.

June 7 from the Herald: — White Heath has three houses of entertainment — The Junction House; The White Heath House; and Mr. Converse's Restaurant.

The Junction House was the Williams's Hotel, The White Heath House was located at the corner of High and Orange Street, and Mr. Converse's Restaurant was on the railroad property.

John Andrew who later moved to Monticello, had some trouble in Slabtown School. Some of the children had gone skating against his rules and also were guilty of other matters and he expelled them. The School Board refused to back him up. Mr. Andrew resigned and move to White Heath and built a house on lots 12 and 13 Block 13. It is still in use. He was connected with buying Turkeys and

shipping them to New York.

1877

There were three schools in the immediate community: Hazel Dell with Mr. Robinson teacher, one mile north of town, 50 to 60 pupils; Camp Creek, Miss Mattie Bivens teacher, south, about 20 pupils; Prairie Chapel, W. Carper teacher, 30 pupils.

1879

A new company was organized called the Champaign Havana and Western whose sole purpose was to operate the railroad to the west and to complete it to Keokuk. A large building was erected at White Heath to serve as a supply center for materials for the entire road. Noble Heath recalled a large building that stood where the firehouse is today. But he didn't remember its use.

Charles Smith sold his store to Jacob Cline.

1880

When the Wabash got control of the railroad, Snell and Deland lost interest in the future of White Heath. They sold the north 80 acres which had never been patented to J. H. Cline and Dr. Unangst. They turned all their lots over to Ross Mitchell and George Deland, a brother-in-law and brother of James Deland and from that time on White Heath was on its own.

J. H. Cline appointed Postmaster. Many of his descendants still live in or near White Heath.

1883

J. H. Cline elected Supervisor.

1884

In February White Heath had a new harness shop. No mention of who the owner was.

Dr. Henrie died December 24.

1885

Ross Mitchell's store burned.

The depot was moved to where it is today.

Toward the end of 1885 the Hazel Dell School was too crowded.

1886

When school opened there were 57 enrolled at White Heath and 38 at Hazel Dell.

1887

The United Brethren Church membership was moved to White Heath.

1888

First sidewalk appeared made of wood.

Dr. Unangst and Miss Mattie Bevens were married in September.

1889

The Universalist Church was started.

1893

May 4 an election was held.

May 14 they authorized a new school building.

July 12 work started on a two room school.

John Luscaleet opened an implement store.

Jerry Purcell opened a barber shop.

Modern Woodman was organized.

1891

On May 2 White Heath lost its second doctor. Dr. Unangst died.

On August 2 Dr. Hart took over Unangst's practice.

1895

Cline's Band was organized.

J. C. Flangan built a makeshift elevator.

Court of Honor granted a White Heath Charter.

1896

May 24 the Universalist Church was completed.

Charley Bartley bought out Jerry Purcell's barber shop. From then until George Clouser retired in 1934, White Heath had a barber shop.

May 7 lightning stuck the depot and it burned. Replaced by the present depot.

It was this year that White Heath got its first telephones. One was installed at Cline's store and one in John Luscaleet's IMPLEMENT AND Hardware Store.

1898

White Heath began to come out of the mud with sidewalks. The walks were made out of wood. 20,000 feet of lumber was used. A few were built in 1888 but very few. Years later they started putting in concrete. Supervised by the West Brothers of Deland.

Excellent football teams were produced by White Heath from 1898 to 1904.

Royal Neighbors organized in White Heath.

1899

The first concrete foundations used in White Heath.

1901

Mutual Protection league organized.

Population 163.

1902

The Rural Mail established. It was 26 miles long. Pay was $60 a month. George Deland was the first carrier. William Spenser was the next, then Carl Mitchell.

1903

William Murray built an elevator. The storm of 1904 blew it down.

1904

The year of the big wind storm.

1906

The interurban was built. This did White Heath more harm than good for people began to go elsewhere to trade on the Interurban.

J. H. Cline elected County Treasurer.

1907

A private bank was started by Hiram Artman, J. H. Cline and J. F. Heath. Also William Alexander, Silas Sievers and Oscar Thompson promoted more business. A furniture store and implement store was started by William Jones of Cisco. A grocery store was built by Oscar Thompson.

The first brick building was built.

1909

Odd Fellows was organized.

1912

Leonard Luscaleet began his long term as Mail Carrier.

1920

The Bank was changed to The State Bank.

William Murray built an electric line which was later taken over by Illinois Power and Light Company.

1922

A state highway came through the town which made it easy to travel elsewhere to trade.

1927

The State Bank was sold to The Moore State Bank of Monticello.

1935

The implement and hardward store was moved to Tuscola by Albert Flanigan. The grocery stores continued to flourish under operators as George Drexler, Max Branch, Hugh Hannah and Ross Mitchell.

1953

December 27 birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cresap.

1954

January 5— Death of Mrs. Grace E. Blacker, 64, formerly of White Heath.

Janury 24 — Sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Vinson.

January 27 — Marriage of Nell Branch of White Heath and Jack Giesler of Champaign.

February 4 — Mrs. Ray Norton of White Heath heads unit P.T.A. Council.

February 14 — Marriage of Nola Mitchell of White Heath and Ronald E. Milton of Hernando, Florida.

March 4 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gilbreath.

March 22 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hall.

April 5 — Death of Earl Sievers, 58.

May 22 — Marriage of Lule E. Sumner of White Heath and Dolores Vossenkemper of Portage des Sious, Missouri.

May 25 — Death of Mrs. Minnie Wood, 70.

June 3 — Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Vinson, 82.

July 1 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodgers.

July 24 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Porter Heath of White Heath.

July 30 — Death of Mrs. Anna H. Vinson, formerly of White Heath.

September 26 — Death of Roscoe Floyd, 71.

October 1 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler.

October 14 — Death of Charles R. Spencer, 74.

October 26 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Purcell.

October 29 — Birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harper.

October 29 — Death of Carl Mitchell, 71.

October 30 — Marriage of Harold Menacher of White Heath and Donna Sizer of Fisher.

November 2 — Frank Wrench elected Supt. of Schools.

November 5 — Wilson Piatt named head of White Heath Community Club.

November 18 — Death Charles W. Alexander, 58.

November 20 — Marriage of Dorothy Breen of Urbana and Jerome Menacher of White Heath.

November 20 — Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Milligan, 79.

November 24 — Marriage of Mary Alexander of White Heath and Russell Griffet of Champaign.

December 9 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. John McCall.

1957

January 5 — James Rankin named director to Farm Bureau.

January 27 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wood.

March 28 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zindars.

March 31 — Birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Benson.

April 2 — Paul Branch elected Supervisor of Sangamon Township.

May 26 — Birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burke.

June 11 — Death of Joseph S. Blacker, 85.

June 12 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Cresap.

June 29 — Marriage of Barbara Conover of Champaign and Charles Vinson Jr.

July 5 — John Heath heads Monticello Masonic Lodge.

July 11 — Death of James C. Vinson, 81.

July 14 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Bolden Moefield.

July 18 — Death of Mrs. Erri Funish, 68.

August 2 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Stanley.

August 11 — Death of Mrs. Julia Sinkler, 74.

August 15 — Death of Benjamin D. Stowers, 55.

September 1 — Board of Supervisors voted 15 percent increase on assessed valuation of all farm land in Piatt County.

September 10 — Wilson Piatt named to Forest Preserve board.

September 23 — Birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Alexander.

October 20 — Mrs. Minnie Blacker was 85 years old.

November 15 — Birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Downs.

December 5 — Death of Mrs. Colby Peyton, 66.

December 13 — End of year long court fight over $450,000 estate of Laura Caldwell.

1959

January 9 — Death of James E. Conway, 75.

January 19 — Mrs. Aline Seymour heads White Heath R.N.A.

January 20 — Worst sleet storm in history. Many trees and lines down. No electricity overnight.

January 22 — Death of Mrs. Lena E. Sarver, 75.

January 26 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ecus Vaughn.

January 30 — Death of Mrs. W. N. Sievers, 68.

January 31 — Dean McCartney new director of Piatt County Farm Bureau.

February 10 — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chalk, Sr., married 25 years.

February 24 — Mr. and Mrs. Park Blacker wed 50 years.

February 28 — Birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mackey.

March 5 — Birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rudisill.

March 29 — Death of Noble Porter Heath III, 28.

April 2 — Death of William H. Cresap, 81.

April 7 — Clint Harper and Gerald Valentine tied in race for road Commissioner. Both received 185 votes. They drew lots with Harper winning.

April 15 — Gerald Valentine filed a petition to have ballots in Sangamon Township be examined and tallied by the court.

April 18 — Death of Mrs. Porter Heath III, 26.

April 30 — Dr. W. N. Sievers honored by P.T.A.

May 2 — Marriage of Nancy Eastham of Monticello and Richard Branch of White Heath.

May 29 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. David Hartsfield.

June 7 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown.

June 18 — Death of Dr. Florence T. Truax, 87, formerly of White Heath at Miami, Florida.

July 2 — Death of Lewis E. Furnish, 81.

July 7 — Gerald Valentine declared elected road commissioner of Sangamon Township by eight votes by Circuit Court.

July 15 — Death of Jose M. Ambrose, 85.

July 29 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Chumbley.

July 30 — Governor William Stratton assigned high priority to Champaign expressway. First work to be done on segment between Monticello and White Heath.

August 3 — Frank Wrench retired as county superintendent of schools after two terms.

August 16 — Marriage of Madonna Harper and James H. Smith both of White Heath.

August 20 — Death of Dr. William N. Duvall, 86, formerly of White Heath at Mishawaka, Indiana.

September 3 — Birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Benson. The baby died next day.

September 5 — Luella McCartney with others name outstanding 4-H Home Ec girls in county.

October 3 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Oates.

October 16 — Death of George M. Vinson, 89.

November 8 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haworth.

November 25 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schumacher.

November 27 — Walter White named president of White Heath Community Club.

December 17 — Governor William G. Stratton named James White of White Heath with others as semi-finalists in the selection of Illinois College Scholarship award winners.

1960

January 18 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James Nooman.

January 26 — Birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Day.

February 21 — Marriage of Mrs. Bertha Roane and Dr. W. N. Sievers.

April 9 — Death of Cloyd W. Rudisill, 57.

April 11 — Birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Magsamen.

April 17 — Death of Leon Votrain, 87.

April 23 — Mrs. Glorianelle Moore, 37, of Decatur killed when her car left curve on Route 47 southwest of White Heath.

April 30 — Marriage of Lela Mae Ard of Bement and Marion Sapp, Jr., of White Heath.

May 5 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Day.

May 6 — White Heath came in 6th in the County School Track Meet.

May 9 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rudisill.

June 26 — Marriage of Carla Buchanan of White Heath and Larry McClellan of Lodge.

July 29 — Death of Lyle H. Gallivan, 63.

August 26 — Dr. W. N. Sievers of White Heath presented with 50 year certificate from American Medical Association.

September 17 — Death of Dr. William N. Sievers, 75.

September 22 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Young.

September 30 — Marriage of Donna Cade of Monticello and Kenneth Norfleet of White Heath.

October 9 — Death of Miss Elizabeth Daley, 79, of Decatur formerly of White

Heath.

October 25 — Bids opened on construction of 4.9 miles of expressway from Monticello to White Heath at a cost of $2,742,040.

November 7 — Work started on expressway from White Heath to Monticello.

November 11 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Valentine.

December 2 — Death of Don Vinson, 58, native of White Heath at Rockford.

December 3 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Mellard Guenther.

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January 7 — 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Scott of White Heath.

February 5 — Death of Mrs. Nannie Blacker, 88.

February 7 — Death of Wayne W. Welch, 71, of Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of White Heath.

February 14 — Maurice Young named to County Forest Preserve Board.

April 17 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mackey.

April 25 — Paul Branch heads Board of Supervisors.

May 2 — Death of Effie Branch, 76.

June 25 — Marriage of Sharon Vaughn of White Heath and William Roberts of Monticello.

July 30 — Death of William Heath, 78.

August 3 — Louella McCartney crowned Queen of Piatt County 4-H Show.

August 4 — Death of Colby L. Peyton, 77.

August 11 — Marriage of Norma Sumner of White Heath and Ronald J. Forrester of Springfield, Missouri.

August 20 — Mrs. Kate Wachs, 92, of White Heath and daughter, Mrs. Charles Bell, of Monticello, killed in two car collision near Leverett.

August 27 — Marriage of Mary Ellen Kallembach of White Heath and Richard L. Dean of Monticello.

September 2 — Second anniversary of Hickory Hill Hunt Club.

October 13 — Death of Ottis Chumbley, 49.

November 6 — Dean McCartney suffers broken pelvic bone in tractor accident.

November 10 — Death of Kenneth B. Bensyl, 61.

November 18 — Teddy E. Marshky, 22, of Champaign killed and a Urbana man injured when car hit Shady rest bridge.

December 6 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Millard Guenther.

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January 4 — Death of Mrs. Laura B. Dilsaver,99.

January 18 — Sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Harper of Centerville.

February 24 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rudisill.

February 26 — Death of Fred L. Cox, 78.

April 6 — Paul Branch elected as Supervisor of Sangamon Township.

July 31 — Marriage of Kathleen Brady of Monticello and John Houser of White Heath.

August 14 — Death of Miss Rose Dungan, 86.

Aseptember 18 — Birth of daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Oates.

October 5 — Birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. John Ensign.

October 21 — Death of Orval Barber.

October 22 — Miss Nelda Alexander, 17, killed as train strikes car in Monticello.

December 5 — Charles A. Mosgrove of Mansfield hurt when his car was hit by Illinois Central Freight Train at Shady Rest Crossing.

December 13 — Death of Mrs. Floyd Bowdre, 73.

Pastor's Paragraphs

Greetings:

One of the songs in our hymnal that I truly enjoy singing is, "There is Joy in the Lord." It speaks of an experience in Christ that makes us happy; happy to be alive, happy to be serving such a great God. Christians should be happy people.

I like humor. I like good Christian fun. I like to laugh. God gave us all the ability to laugh and smile. We ought to do more of it.

I want to share this laughable, yet good point poem with you. Read it and chuckle and get the meaning of it.

"SURPRISE, SURPRISE"

I dreamed that death came the other night
And Heaven's Gate swung wide
With kindly grace an angel came and
Welcomed me inside.
Well, there to my astonishment stood
Folk I'd known on earth.
Some I had judged and called unfit,
And some of little worth.
Indignant words rose to my lips but
Never were set free,
For every face showed stunned surprise
NO ONE EXPECTED ME.

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Schedule of Centennial Events

Kids Games	9:00	Saturday, July 15
Parade	12:00 p.m.	July 15
Teen Dance	9:00	July 15
Square Dance	9:00	July 15
Cake Walk	8:30	July 15
Horse Shoe Pitching	7:30	July 10
Judge of Beards	7:30	July 11
Judge of Women's Dresses	8:30	July 11
Soap Box Derby	6:00	July 13
Soap Box Finals	2:00	July 15
Tractor Pull	7:00	July 14

Church	July 9
Basket Dinner	July 9
Gospel Sing	July 9
Chicken Fry	July 15

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